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Aid workers describe time in Haiti

AFTERMATH A group of medical workers from a Canadian aid organization arrived back from Haiti at Toronto's Pearson International Airport yesterday.

Dr. Aslam Daud, chairman of the aid group Humanity First, told CP24 there was no electricity, food, water, shower facilities or washrooms in Haiti.

Another member of the group, Furqan Haider, said it was sad to see the situation in Haiti, adding at night there's no light and people are sleeping on the roads.

Humanity First plans to hold a fundraising event for Haiti's earthquake victims Feb. 4 in Toronto.

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Toronto Raptors Jarrett Jack, right, celebrates with Chris Bosh yesterday after defeating the Los Angeles Lakers at the Air Canada Centre. Toronto won 106-105. More coverage, page 20

Ticket to ride

TTC grants two-month grace period for unused adult tickets

A fare hike, a massive subway shutdown and the snoozing ticket collectors scandal: After months of awful service, the TTC is throwing fed-up riders a bone.

People with unused paper tickets can exchange or refund them until the end of March.

The tickets were an emergency measure, printed late last year after a fare hike announcement spurred token hoarding that caught the transit system off guard.

Penny-pinching riders have always stocked up on tokens before a price increase, but since tickets were discontinued in 2008, last year's run on tokens left the TTC empty handed. Hence the temporary tickets. Since the Jan. 3 increase, riders using the slips of paper have had to make up the 25-cent fare difference. After Jan. 31, the tickets won't be valid on the TTC anymore.

Unused tickets

- From Feb. 1 to March 31, riders should take their unused tickets to the south entrance of Bloor-Yonge station or to TTC headquarters at Davisville station between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., where they can be refunded on the spot.

Although leftover student, senior and children's tickets could be returned or exchanged after that date, paper adult tickets were originally set to become worthless Feb. 1.

Instead, riders are being given a two-month grace period to get their money back or exchange the tickets for higher-priced tokens.

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Canada welcomes first group of Haitian orphans

NEW LIFE Twenty-four Haitian orphans left their shattered country yesterday to embark on new lives in Canada, stepping off a plane into the crisp early morning Ottawa air and into the warm embraces of their new parents.

The first group of Haitian adoptees to arrive in Canada were swaddled in compassion every step of the way in their journey.

From the workers who carried the little wide-eyed bundles on a bus from the Canadian Embassy to the airport, to the Air Canada volunteers who gently stroked their bellies to help them sleep on the plane, the children were the recipients of a tremendous outpouring of care — before they even reached their anxious parents.

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Provincial police say a man faces a slew of charges after talking on a cellphone during a high-speed chase in Toronto. Police allege a white Mercedes was travelling 141 km/h on Saturday. The pursuit lasted six kilometres before the vehicle crashed into a police cruiser. The driver faces charges of impaired driving, stunt driving and talking on a cellphone.

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Golf's in, shovelling's out

Winter thaw turning businesses on their heads

Only in Canada would you talk about a snow drought.

But with a piddling 25 cm of snow in Toronto so far this year, less than a quarter as much as by this time last year, weather expert Dave Phillips is calling a spade a spade — and certainly not a snow shovel.

"Where is the snow? It's just not to be found. We're really into a snow drought here in Toronto," said the senior climatologist for Environment Canada on a weekend where rain falling on earlybird golfers has given January an identity crisis.

Blame it on El-Nino, says Phillips; that warm weather system is saving taxpayers on snowplows and sparing drivers from black ice. But it's also left parkas and shovels to gather dust on store shelves, as the January thaw starts to stretch to two weeks.

While travel agents say they keep booking couples on getaways to the Dominican Republic and Mexico no matter what January skies dish out — "it's still gloomy here compared to 20 C and sun in the south," says agent Margaret Modeste — there are some clear winners and losers to such topsy-turvy temperatures.

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Winners

- Golfers, like the 250 who have flocked to Ajax's Annandale Golf and Country Club in the past week, where nine holes have been opened.
- Cyclists: The non-profit Bike Pirates shop in west Toronto is "extraordinarily busy this month" training up to 20 cyclists an hour in bike building and repair, says owner Geoffrey Bercarich.

Losers

- Snow scraper and brush sales: Usually the Eaton Centre Canadian Tire goes through two bins a week, said a manager, but this year it took a month and a half.
- Cozy moose-patterned jackets hang untouched at The Canadian Naturalist gift shop, beside similarly unwanted hooded sweatshirts. T-shirts are a hotter item.

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Reynaldo Estrada says that he has been selling more hot dogs this winter. His stand is located at the corner of Yonge and Dundas.

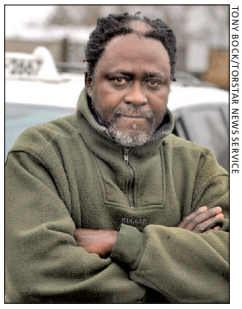
Cabbie to appear before rights tribunal

HUMAN RIGHTS Inside the world of Toronto cabbies, not every cab is equal.

Asafo Addai has been fighting for two years against the City of Toronto's taxi licensing policies, which he says have created a "two-tier" system that discriminates against minorities and newcomers. He takes his case against the city to the Human Rights Tribunal today.

"I have made an accusation that there is a racial discrimination in the city's licensing policy that is unfair to racialized people," said Addai, who has been driving a cab since 1998.

The issue stems from the existence of two different taxi licences: The standard plates and what many see as "inferior" ambassador plates. The standard plates give cabbies the option of renting out and selling their cab to others, increasing revenue and giving cabbies the option of selling their cars when they retire.



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Asafo Addai

The ambassador plate — the only one the city now issues — allows only the owner to drive the taxi, forcing some drivers to be on the road for the maximum 12 hours a day to make ends meet. They aren't allowed to sell the plates, and so make no revenue at retirement or death.

In the '80s, the standard plate cost about $70,000. Now it can run upwards of $250,000.

Addai believes that allowing new cabbies — most of whom are minorities — to be issued only ambassador plates forces cabbies into a cycle of poverty.

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Where the lanes have no names

SAFETY They often start suddenly and stop abruptly. They twist and turn. They come to a dead end. And most of the city's 3,600 laneways don't have names. Not even Google can find them.

Should they be named?

"It's a question of public safety," said Rory Sinclair, former chair of a local residents' association that hopes to name 46 neighbourhood laneways in Harbord Village, in the College St.-Spadina Ave. area.

Naming laneways means faster response times in emergencies, he says.

But firefighters and police aren't entirely convinced.

"I don't know if naming them will be all that helpful, but numbering certainly would," said Police Supt. Ruth White.

Police often can't locate houses on lanes because people tend not to post house numbers there, she said.

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News in brief

DEAL The Ontario government and the Criminal Lawyers' Association say they have reached an agreement to end a boycott over legal aid payments. More than 1,000 defence lawyers have been taking part in the boycott that began in June.

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Ontario, Australia can transfer valid driver's licences

A new agreement between Ontario and Australia allows people to exchange their valid driver's licence without having to take a test. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man hit by streetcar in 'very bad shape'

A man is fighting for his life in hospital after he was hit by an eastbound TTC streetcar on Queen Street, near Broadview Avenue.

The 35-year-old victim is the latest in a string of collisions involving pedestrians this month — collisions that have resulted in 12 deaths in the GTA since Jan. 12.

Police say the man was hit by the streetcar as he crossed Queen, just east of Hamilton Street, around 12:30 a.m.

He was taken to St. Michael's hospital by emergency personnel in "very bad shape," according to police. The man, who police say was from Woodbridge, remains in critical condition.

Police believe the victim, whose name is not being released at the request of his family, may have been distracted as he stepped in front of the streetcar.

"It would appear that he was on his cellphone at the time and that may have been a contributing factor," said Staff Sgt. Steve Reynolds.

There is no indication alcohol played a role and no charges have been laid at this time, he added.

TTC representative Mike Detoma said the collision, like all accidents involving TTC vehicles, will be followed up with an investigation and safety briefing.

Detoma wouldn't comment on whether transit drivers were being advised to be more cautious in the wake of the recent pedestrian fatalities.

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Woman charged

- An 83-year-old Toronto woman has been charged after a mother pushing her baby in a stroller was struck and killed by a driver running a red light. Police said Edith Lucille Jones has been charged with careless driving and failing to stop for a red light.

Summerhill **A bonnie Burns Supper**

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Cops issue warning
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A Toronto first

Building to contain affordable housing for employees

A recently-approved tower near King and Spadina will contain something that no other building in Toronto has: A floor of affordable housing built by the developer expressly for tenants who work in the building.

When complete, at least seven rental units on one floor of the 41-storey combined hotel and condo tower at 56 Blue Jays Way will be reserved for hotel workers.

It's an innovative rental scheme brought to you by Coun. Adam Vaughan, the Ward 20 champion of family-sized downtown condominiums and affordable housing. Tenants will pay less than market to rent the units and, in exchange, the developer has been given permission by city council to build a taller condo than allowed by zoning.

"Hotel workers can live on the same site where they work, so people don't have to drive ... They can simply take the stairs."
Coun. Adam Vaughan

"Hotel workers can live on the same site where they work, so people don't have to drive, walk or take transit to work. They can simply take the stairs," says Vaughan, who is looking at projects near hospitals to similarly embed strategic downtown workers.

But the deal is a one-off, made possible only because of Vaughan's political will and the developer's willingness.

The agreement was brokered under Section 37 of the city's official plan, which stipulates that developers have to pay fees to community benefits in exchange for higher density. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Thousands protest prorogation

DEMOCRACY In a display that was anything but apathetic, thousands of Canadians of varying political stripes clogged city streets across Canada demanding Prime Minister Stephen Harper reopen Parliament and get back to work.

Hordes of protesters crammed Toronto's downtown square, cradling signs denouncing the Prime Minister's decision to suspend Parliament until early March.

Crowd estimates widely varied, but thousands of people closed down a busy section of Yonge Street to sing, march and chant anti-Harper slogans.

"These demonstrations that are happening all over the country are Canadians' way of saying 'you are wrong, you are completely wrong about us. You pushed us, you pushed us and now we're mad,'" said an impassioned Andrea Dale, 46, who works in the financial sector. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Protesters march against Stephen Harper's prorogation of Parliament in Toronto on Saturday.

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Weight loss is not only about increasing metabolism to burn fat. Water retention also makes you feel overweight and bloated. Your fingers swell, your ankles look and feel heavy, pants fit tighter and your bra may become uncomfortably snug.

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Mounties arrest assault suspect

The RCMP have tracked down a Newfoundland man charged with assault and failure to provide the necessities of life to a child. Police say 34-year-old Glenn Budgell was arrested in Nova Scotia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Canadian death toll up to 19

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon, left, says the Canadian death toll in earthquake-ravaged Haiti has risen to 19. Cannon says 213 Canadians remain unaccounted for, 12 days after the magnitude-7.0 quake. He told an Ottawa news conference yesterday that the focus is now on the repatriation of the Canadian victims of the quake. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spotlight on Haiti's PM

Bellerive will need to be strong at Canada-hosted talks

Haiti Crisis

The disastrous Jan. 12 earthquake has also shaken Haiti's political standing in the world, catapulting its prime minister to a meeting in Montreal to face an unfamiliar treatment — the international spotlight.

Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive will represent Haiti's bloodied but unbowed government at the Canada-hosted talks.

Politicians and analysts say he must emerge from today's six-hour meeting as a strong figure, nothing short of a symbol of his devastated country's resolve to rebuild itself.

Bellerive received a warm welcome yesterday afternoon from Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Parliament Hill. A similar greeting from Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean awaited him at Rideau Hall later in the day.

Six weeks ago, Bellerive was virtually unnoticed in Ottawa as he accompanied Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon to a short media briefing. "Right now, the needs of Haiti are enormous," Bellerive uttered in French. He was largely ignored and Cannon was peppered with questions on Afghanistan.

Yesterday, Cannon shifted the focus to Bellerive: "Obviously the government of Haiti will have a very large say in this ... I think it's going to be extremely important to get the input from President (Rene) Preval's team as well as the Prime Minister, Bellerive."

Cannon called the talks a "critical step on the road to recovery" that would lead to a larger donor's conference in the near future, when actual dollars would be pledged.

Bellerive will help lead Montreal talks, where foreign ministers from more than a dozen countries, notably U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, eight international bodies, including banks, and six major non-governmental organizations will convene.

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Aid recipient

- Haiti is the second-largest recipient of Canadian aid spending, after Afghanistan, with $555 million earmarked over five years to 2011, and many expect that number to rise once the international roadmap for Haiti emerges after today's opening round of talks.

Ottawa Haitian orphans arrive

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One of 24 orphaned Haitian children from earthquake-stricken Haiti arrives at the Ottawa airport yesterday. The children, weary from their long journey, arrived in Canada early yesterday into the open arms of their new adoptive parents.

News in brief

APOLOGY The man injured after plainclothes Vancouver officers knocked on the wrong door did not resist arrest as police first claimed, Chief Jim Chu said. "I want to make it perfectly clear ... that we do not stand by that statement," he said. The chief apologized in person to Yao Wei Wu at his home on the weekend. Wu, who doesn't speak English, suffered cuts and a swollen eye during the arrest.

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Accident strands Canadian soldiers

Haiti Crisis

CONVOY A group of Canadian soldiers found themselves temporarily stranded in the mountains of southern Haiti with their convoy held up by a traffic accident yesterday.

The incident offered a vivid illustration of the challenge in distributing supplies through the devastated country.

A Canadian Forces convoy with the army's only bulldozer in the Jacmel region spent part of the day stuck on a treacherous, winding mountain pass by a cliff.

It was unclear what caused the accident, but it represented a temporary setback for efforts to push ahead with Canadian relief efforts from Jacmel, the newly established transport hub on the south coast.

Several members of the army's Disaster Assistance Response Team were stuck on the treacherous road as soldiers tried to repair the damaged vehicles. Among the four vehicles in the stranded convoy was the bulldozer the DART has been using to clear rubble.

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Overcoming pain to help others

Haiti Crisis

MEDICINE As a nurse of Haitian descent, Marie Leblanc's volunteer stint in Haiti will be bittersweet as she knows she will be able to help many people desperately in need, but her help will have come too late for her 18-month-old cousin.

The baby boy was one of an estimated 200,000 people killed in the massive 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12 that decimated the small country and left thousands more in urgent need of aid.

"I say to myself, 'Is this a nightmare? Is this a dream? Am I going to wake up?'" Marie Leblanc, nurse

Leblanc travelled over the weekend to Port-au-Prince with a group of nurses from the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, many of them with personal ties to Haiti. She expects to be there for three weeks.

Leblanc has always wanted to put her nursing skills to use in a disaster zone, but she wishes she could have used them to help her baby cousin, who was buried underneath the rubble of his home.

"I can't help him, but you have to deal with the reality of it," she said. "It happened. It hurts. It is painful, but what can we do? I have to stay strong for the other ones that are weaker."

Like many others with ancestral ties to Haiti, the images of destruction were almost too much to bear.

"Sometimes it's like I'm speechless," Leblanc said. "I say to myself, 'Is this a nightmare? Is this a dream? Am I going to wake up?' But it's reality. It's just a lot to deal with." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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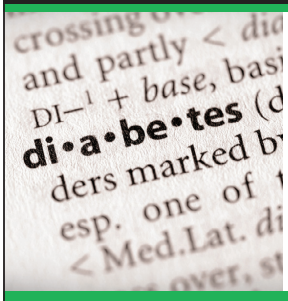

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Officials said matching federal funds elevated Friday night's tally to $18.8 million.Go to canadaforhaiti.com to help out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Arrest made in Edmonton transit sexual assaults

Rajinder Prashad Kaul, 51, was arrested Friday at a transit station after three women complained separately of being groped on Edmonton buses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Murder trial begins for Canadian soldier

Capt. Robert Semrau charged in Taliban fighter's death

A Canadian soldier will face a court martial today, accused of the 2008 murder of a wounded, unarmed Taliban fighter in southern Afghanistan — a case a military expert says is almost certainly the first of its kind.

Capt. Robert Semrau has been charged with second degree murder in the battlefield killing of an insurgent fighter following a prolonged clash in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province.

The series of running firefights took place as British and Afghan forces along with their Canadian mentors helped defend the city in October 2008.

But Semrau wasn't charged until the alleged killing came to the attention of Canadian commanders two months later.

Michel Drapeau, a retired colonel and lawyer, said he hasn't been able to find a case of this kind in Canadian military legal history, where a soldier was tried for the battlefield murder of a prisoner.

Capt. Robert Semrau

"It's unprecedented in many, many respects," said Drapeau.

"I can't remember any such incidents in the past 50 years and in the Second World War, I don't believe there was such a court martial. From my own memory and recollection, there hasn't been such a case."

Semrau was released from detention last January and has remained with his regiment at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, Ont., under a series of court-imposed conditions, including that he not possess any firearms or explosives in the course of his duties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shadow of Somalia

- Two Canadian soldiers were charged with second-degree murder in the 1993 death of Somali teenager Shidane Arone, who was not a prisoner taken in combat. The inquiry was later aborted.

Afghan-Canadian doc helms Kabul clinic

MEDICINE With scrounged, cast-off heart-testing machines and boundless optimism, an Afghan-Canadian cardiologist has managed a remarkable feat — setting up Afghanistan's first free academic cardiac clinic.

The Ali Abad Cardiac Research Centre is a tiny but important step forward for health care in a country where the vast majority of the population either cannot afford treatment or have to pay dearly to travel abroad to get it.

Dr. Asmat Naebkhil, 48, graduated from the University of Kabul medical school in the 1970s, but has spent most of the past two decades working in hospitals across Canada, most recently at Windsor Regional Hospital in Windsor, Ont.

For several years, with the help of his local Rotary Club, he scrounged used diagnostic machines, storing them in a warehouse for shipment to Afghanistan.

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Dr. Asmat Naebkhil, third from left, stands outside his cardiac research clinic in Kabul. Much the clinic's equipment comes from Windsor, where Naebkhil worked at Windsor Regional Hospital.

A call from the medical school's chancellor last year persuaded him to come set up the facility in a disused dormitory.

Naebkhil intended to stay just a month. That was in June.

Today, the clinic sees up to 15 patients a day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Immigration delays plague Afghan interpreters

OTTAWA Canadian soldiers might be long gone from Afghanistan before Afghans who risked their lives in support of the mission are ever allowed into Canada.

Nine months after Ottawa promised to expedite immigration applications from those Afghans, the new bureaucratic maze they have to navigate has barely sputtered into existence.

"If this does not work, this will be the worst memory of our life."

Lal (Jamal) Mohammad, interpreter supervisor

"That was a kind of hope for the Afghan people who work for the Canadian guys or Canadian troops here," said Lal (Jamal) Mohammad, who oversees 76 interpreters in Kandahar.

"If this does not work, this will be the worst memory of our life. They will break our hearts." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa apartment fire causes $2M damage
Damage is estimated at $2 million after a fire at an apartment building in Ottawa. The four-alarm fire erupted inside an eight-unit complex in the Kanata area around 5:45 a.m. yesterday. Most of the damage was on the structure's second floor. No one was injured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wal-Mart talk divides town

For some, Wal-Mart is the mecca of low-priced shopping. For others, it's a corporate behemoth that drives local businesses under and turns downtowns into ghost towns.

It's that heated debate that has polarized the town of La Ronge, Sask., where one resident has started a petition to attract the retail giant while the chamber of commerce has voted against the idea.

La Ronge, a one-time trading post, is the largest community in the northern half of Saskatchewan. There are about 3,500 people in town, some 2,000 on nearby First Nations reserves and another 1,000 people in the bordering settlement of Air Ronge.

Petition leader Al Loke believes a Wal-Mart would stop them from driving south to shop and could even lure customers from the far north who currently bypass La Ronge in favour of Prince Albert.

And that, he suggests, would ultimately create more traffic for other stores in town.

But his argument isn't getting any support from the La Ronge and District Chamber of Commerce.

The same heated debate played out in the northern Manitoba community of Flin Flon several years ago, says Joe Buie, president of the Flin Flon and District Chamber of Commerce.

Buie says in the first year, Wal-Mart "really did hammer the downtown." But these days, things have settled somewhat. He says people still go to Wal-Mart but they've also gone back to locally run businesses for different goods, and for higher quality items and better service.

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Harper to test G8, G20 themes

SUMMIT Prime Minister Stephen Harper will test drive his priorities for the G8 and G20 summits this week at an elite conference in Davos, Switzerland, and he's expected to highlight the environment, development and global economic growth.

While Canada's official agenda for the end-of-June summits is not yet finalized, climate change will figure prominently at both meetings, a senior government official said.

Economic recovery, banking regulations, aid for mothers and children in poor countries, and global security are also top of mind for the prime minister as he leaves tomorrow night for a quick three-day trip.

He'll spend Wednesday and much of Thursday hobnobbing with the rich, the powerful and the thoughtful at the exclusive annual thinkathon in the Swiss Alps.

His speech Thursday will be the first public unveiling of how Harper sees the two summits unfolding — starting with the Group of Eight industrialized countries meeting in Huntsville at the end of June, and followed immediately by the larger Group of 20 summit in Toronto.

For the G8 summit, Harper plans to make child and maternal health a central theme, several sources said, although it was unclear whether Harper was ready to focus on that topic in his Davos speech.

Ottawa wants to foster collaboration among the richest countries to improve hospitals and health care for mothers and newborns in poor countries.

For the G20, Harper will use his Davos speech to signal that the Toronto summit in June will focus on entrenching the global economic recovery.

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Global agenda

- The World Economic Forum holds an annual conference in the ski-resort town of Davos in the Swiss Alps at the end of January every year to set the global agenda for politics and economics in the coming year.

Man dies after kit plane crashes

DEATH A small two-seater plane crashed Saturday in a wooded area near Madoc, in eastern Ontario.

The body of the 43-year-old male pilot from Vars, Ont., was found inside the downed plane. The man was in a group of three civilian planes travelling to Smiths Falls from Lindsay, said Capt. Paul Spaleta at CFB Trenton.

The man was piloting a Van's Aircraft RV 7A assembled from a kit provided by the Oregon-based company, said Spaleta.

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News in brief

BUS CRASH Ken Mitchell, the seriously injured driver of a bus that veered off a bridge and plunged into the Tracadie River in rural Nova Scotia Saturday, was the same man behind the wheel of another intercity bus involved in an eerily similar crash in Cape Breton Feb. 3, 2009, when it skidded on ice and pitched over a bridge in the Baddeck River. Investigators later determined that bad weather was the main cause of that spectacular crash.

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Castro takes shot at U.S.
Fidel Castro is questioning why the U.S. and other countries sent soldiers to quake-ravaged Haiti, saying military presence hindered international co-operation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

U.S. presence in Okinawa in question

The future of an American military base and the balance of U.S.-Japan relations were thrown into further question yesterday as voters in a small city elected a mayor opposed to the base. Residents of the Okinawan city of Nago chose challenger Susumu Inamine, left — who campaigned against any expansion of U.S. military presence in the area — over incumbent Yoshikazu Shimabukuro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 111,000 bodies recovered: UN

Figures differ over death toll as focus moves from rescue to recovery

Haiti Crisis

The confirmed death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake has topped 150,000 in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area alone, the communications minister said yesterday, with many more thousands dead around the country or still buried under the rubble.

Communications minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue said that the figure is based on a body count in the capital and outlying areas by CNE, a state company that has been collecting corpses and burying them in a mass grave. It does not include other affected cities such as Jacmel, where thousands are believed dead, nor does it account for bodies burned by relatives.

Reports have varied on how many are known to have died, and the United Nations stuck with its previous total of 111,481 bodies recovered despite the higher number from Haitian officials. All told, authorities estimate 200,000 people were killed by the magnitude-7.0 quake, according to Haitian government figures cited by the European Commission.

"Nobody knows how many bodies are buried in the rubble — 200,000, 300,000?" Lassegue said. "Who knows the overall death toll?"

Experts say chances are slim that more survivors will be found in that debris, although rescuers tunneled through wreckage on Saturday to extract a man trapped there for 11 days.

Wismond Exantus, 24, said he survived by diving under a desk during the quake and later consuming cola, beer and cookies in the cramped space. He passed the time praying, reciting psalms and sleeping while waiting for rescuers. "I wasn't afraid because I knew they were searching and would come for me," he said.

Haiti's government has declared an end to searches for living people trapped under debris, and officials are shifting their focus to caring for the thousands of survivors living in squalid, makeshift camps.

UN relief workers said the shift is critical: While deliveries of food, medicine and water have ticked up, the need continues to be overwhelming. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A woman keeps an orange peel in her nose to avoid the smell of corpses in Port-au-Prince Saturday.

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SCANLIFE
Swedish police are grappling with radical Islamists recruiting youth, some of whom have already been killed in the Somali insurgency. Scan this code for the story.

All-star telethon

- Organizers of the all-star Hope for Haiti Now telethon said Saturday that the event raised $57 million US — and counting. The two-hour telethon aired Friday night. Stars such as Brad Pitt, Beyonce, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen and more used their presence to encourage donations for Haiti.

Netanyahu claims land for Israel

MIDDLE EAST Israel's prime minister declared yesterday that his country would retain parts of the West Bank forever — a statement that infuriated Palestinians and could complicate the year-old peace mission of a visiting U.S. envoy.

Benjamin Netanyahu laid claim to disputed territory just hours after meeting with George Mitchell, the Obama administration's Middle East envoy.

"Our message is clear: We are planting here, we will stay here, we will build here, this place will be an inseparable part of the state of Israel for eternity," Netanyahu proclaimed at a tree-planting ceremony celebrating the Jewish Arbour Day at a settlement just south of Jerusalem.

Netanyahu's participation in the ceremonies in two West Bank settlements near Jerusalem were an apparent attempt to soothe Jewish settlers who vehemently oppose his decision — taken under intense U.S. pressure — to slow West Bank construction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

KASHMIR Hundreds of people protested in the streets of the Indian controlled part of Kashmir yesterday, accusing the army of killing a civilian during a search operation against suspected Muslim rebels. Anti-India sentiment runs deep in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, where most favour independence from Hindu-majority India.

EUROPE The findings of an Israeli report yesterday says 2009 saw the most anti-Semitic incidents in western Europe since the Second World War. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland **Deep freeze**

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Men walk through the village of Wystepa in southern Poland yesterday. About 18,000 people across Poland are without power during the coldest weekend so far this winter as icy trees and branches damaged power lines in many places.

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Medvedev suggests new arms treaty near
A new nuclear arms reduction treaty with the U.S. is "95 per cent ready," Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday in the clearest indication to date that an end to wrangling over the seminal agreement may be close. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alleged bin Laden tape praises failed bomber

Osama bin Laden endorsed the failed attempt to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day in a new audio message released yesterday threatening more attacks on the United States.

The U.S. said there was no indication to suggest that bin Laden or any of his top lieutenants had anything to do with the attempted attack and that the claim may have been motivated by the wish of the terror network's leaders to appear in control of al-Qaida's offshoots.

"They offer strategic guidance and rely on their affiliates to carry out that strategic guidance," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said in an interview.

"He (bin Laden) is trying to continue to appear relevant," he said.

The Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab told federal agents shortly afterward that he had been trained and given the explosives by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, an al-Qaida-inspired offshoot in bin Laden's ancestral homeland of Yemen.

Bin Laden

In the minute-long recording released to al-Jazeera Arabic news channel, bin Laden addressed U.S. President Barack Obama saying the recent attempt was meant to send a message similar to that of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The message delivered to you through the plane of the heroic warrior Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was a confirmation of the previous messages sent by the heroes of the Sept. 11," he said. "America will never dream of security unless we will have it in reality in Palestine," he added.

"God willing, our raids on you will continue as long as your support for the Israelis continues."

There was no way to verify the voice on the audio message was actually bin Laden, but it resembled previous recordings attributed to him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taiwan **Lucky red**

CHIANG YING-YING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Taiwanese salesperson brings out new red underwear with currency symbols on them at a store in Taipei yesterday. Chinese women believe that wearing red underwear during the Chinese New Year will bring them good luck.

Suspected U.S. drone crashes in Pakistan

PAKISTAN A suspected U.S. drone crashed in Pakistan's lawless tribal area near the Afghan border yesterday, a rare mishap for a program Washington has increasingly relied on to kill Taliban and al-Qaida militants, said intelligence officials and a local resident.

Local tribesman in North Waziristan were congratulating each other for shooting down the drone, said resident Saudur Rehman.

But the Pakistani army rejected similar claims after a drone crashed in neighbouring South Waziristan in 2008, saying it was a technical problem.

North Waziristan is dominated by militant groups that stage cross-border attacks against U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan. One of those groups, the Haqqani network, an al-Qaida-linked Afghan Taliban faction, is believed to have helped orchestrate the Dec. 30 suicide bombing at a remote base in Afghanistan that killed seven CIA employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

VENEZUELA A cable television channel critical of President Hugo Chavez was yanked from the airwaves yesterday for defying new regulations requiring it to televise the socialist leader's speeches. Venezuelan cable television providers stopped transmitting Radio Caracas Television, an anti-Chavez channel known as RCTV, because it did not broadcast Chavez's speech Saturday to a rally of political supporters. The move, decried by the U.S. embassy, journalism groups and viewers, comes as Chavez is confronting domestic problems, including a recession, soaring inflation and electricity shortages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

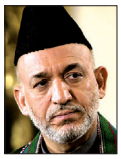
U.S. Coast Guard claims Texas oil spill contained

The Coast Guard used sheets of plastic and skimmers yesterday to contain and clean up a crude oil spill in a southeast Texas port. The spill was contained in a three-kilometre area and was not believed to have hurt any local wildlife, the Coast Guard said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghanistan postpones parliamentary elections

The Afghan government postponed parliament elections for four months yesterday, citing security concerns, logistical problems and a lack of enough money from the country's international partners to pay for them.

The U.S. and its allies urged the Afghans to use the time to reform the electoral system to avoid a repeat of last year's fraud-marred election, which undercut international support for President Hamid Karzai and threatened the Obama administration's strategy for reversing the tide of the war. Another flawed balloting would make it difficult for Western leaders to rally support for the war among their own constituencies as U.S. and NATO casualties rise.



Hamid Karzai

Three American service members were killed yesterday in two separate bombings in southern Afghanistan. That brings to 25 the number of American deaths in Afghanistan so far this month, compared with 14 for the whole of January last year.

The Independent Election Commission, whose chairman is appointed by the president, said it needed about $50 million from the international community to pay for the parliamentary election, budgeted to cost $120 million. That money has not come through in time to hold the vote as planned May 22, according to commissioner Fazel Ahmed Manawi. He also attributed the delay to security concerns, logistical challenges and the need to improve the election process.

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Arrest in attack

- Afghan authorities have arrested the ringleader of a group that staged a brazen attack in Kabul Jan. 18 that left 12 people dead, and now believe the assault was co-ordinated by al-Qaida, an official said yesterday.

Sri Lanka A prayer for victory

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Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa, left, prays with Buddhist monks yesterday in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka's ruling party plans to instigate violence to keep voters away in an attempt to secure victory during the upcoming presidential election, the main opposition candidate has alleged.

More than 10,000 Sam's Club employees to lose jobs

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said yesterday it is cutting more than 10,000 jobs at its Sam's Club stores, representing about nine per cent of the warehouse club operator's staff.

Wal-Mart said it plans to outsource its product-sampling department to marketing company Shopper Events and eliminate another unit.

"Our demos can be a competitive advantage and we want to take this member experience to the next level," Sam's Club CEO Brian Cornell said in a memo to staffers.

"I feel betrayed."
Sally Grueling, former Sam's Club employee

The company also cut its new business membership representative positions, affecting about two staffers per store.

"We have found that we can more effectively drive membership through targeted member acquisition events and by increasing our partner membership programs," Cornell said.

"I feel betrayed," said Sally Grueling, 56, who had worked at Sam's Club for nine years, most recently in Hilliard, Ohio, as a new business membership representative.

Earlier this month, Wal-Mart closed 10 Sam's Club stores, resulting in about 1,500 jobs being lost.

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News in brief

IRAN A Russian-made Iranian passenger plane carrying 157 passengers and 13 crew crash-landed in northeastern Iran yesterday, injuring at least 46 people, state television reported. Iran's civil aviation spokesman, Reza Jafarzadeh, gave no indication of what might have caused the accident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How will TTC respond?

Transit authority setting up panel to examine customer service

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When the TTC announced it would set up a special panel to examine the quality of customer service at the transit authority, my reaction was, "At last!" followed by, "Let's not get our hopes up." Massive, decades-old institutions do not change easily.

As usual, it takes a crisis or other significant event to highlight fundamental weakness — and the TTC is having its moment. After a fare hike that far outstripped the general rate of inflation, many riders are asking why they are paying more to get the same service.

Actually, improvements have been made in recent years — for example, many more buses have been put on the streets throughout the day and two transit-only routes just opened.

But Toronto's need for transit capacity surpasses what the TTC is providing. The system is inadequate and yet it is up to society to provide sufficient funds to make it adequate. Our governments chose not to do so, and now we're all paying the price.

Many of us are tired of uneven service and continued crowding. And we notice when the organization or its employees seem to take us for granted.

The strong public reaction to images of sleeping workers amplifies a sense that this service, which is vital to the functioning of the city, has lost track of how to actually serve. After an 11 per cent fare increase, our expectations are suddenly much higher. And how will the TTC respond?

As the commission engages outside help in identifying the causes of weak customer relations and looks for ways to increase the percentage of staff who put riders first, managers must not avoid examining their own attitudes.

The unions that represent transit workers also have a crucial choice. Will they focus on protecting members from "the company" and a potentially unsympathetic public, or recognize that a key part of job satisfaction means treating customers as well as possible — including the rude ones who don't seem to deserve it?

And what about riders? We pay a lot of money to get around Toronto, but if we begin to anticipate bad or indifferent treatment from employees, that could be all we see.

Quick tip

- The TTC's overdue trip planner will be unveiled this week, and it will undoubtedly experience "growing pains" as curious Internet users try to see what directions it will offer for their transit trips. Expect glitches and don't assume the absolute best route will be offered every time — be aware of alternate routes or consult myttc.ca, an unofficial trip planner.

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Views

Watch out for Most Hell Bent On Skates

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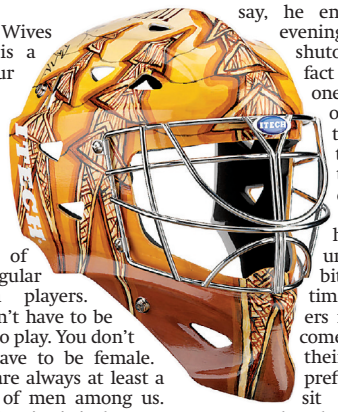
For the past three days I found myself in the grip of a second horrible, nasty flu since fall. I'm calling this one H2N2.

The last time, I suggested fellow sufferers plant yourselves on the couch and become flu divas for a day. The problem with trying this again in a three-month period is: a) everyone still remembers how much trouble you were last time; and b) well, that's it really.

I am happy to report, though, that my partner, Liz, is doing everything possible to help me recover by Saturday. The reason: Liz loves two things. Me. And hockey. I'm pretty sure in that order. Once a year she gets to have both together when the hockey league she plays in hosts its annual charity event, The Wives Game.



The Wives Game is a one-hour match played by the spouses, partners and friends of the regular woman players. You don't have to be a wife to play. You don't even have to be female. There are always at least a couple of men among us. The only criteria is that you can't have any discernible knowledge of, ability in, or talent for playing hockey. If you can't skate either, so much the better.

Last year, our male goalie had to be helped to the net by his girlfriend and propped into position where, I'm delighted to say, he ended the evening with a shutout. The fact that no one on the opposing team ever touched the puck didn't diminish his triumph one bit. Sometimes, players refuse to come out for their turn, preferring to sit on the bench and chat, one woman saying, "What's the point? We can't score to save our lives." I'm always surprised the Toronto Maple Leafs coaches don't have to deal with this more often.

Friends and partners of the players ante up $10 each to enter us in the game, then sit on the sidelines and call out supportive things such as, "You going to lie there all night?" Some of us have dubbed the event "Mocking for Money."

Funds raised go to Gilda's Club, a fine organization providing care for cancer patients, making it all worthwhile. And playing hockey lets out a part of me that sits on the sidelines for the rest of the year. Twice I've taken home the trophy for "Most Hell Bent On Skates." And if my temperature goes below 101 come Saturday night, I'm looking for No. 3.

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Worth mentioning

Addictive Bubble Wrap turns 50 next month

People have walked to the altar dressed in it, protected their garden plants with it, even put it on display at highbrow art museums.

Mostly, they like the sound it makes when they destroy it, piece by piece, which largely explains the appeal of Bubble Wrap, the stress reducer disguised as package cushioning that maintains an inexplicable hold on pop culture.

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Fifty years later, Sealed Air has global revenues of more than $4 billion and legions of fans who have come up with myriad uses for Bubble Wrap (It's a wig! It's a mobile home! It's a sleeping bag! It's a flotation device!).

The product once envisioned as a new type of wallpaper turns 50 this month, and enthusiasts' obsession with it has spawned more than 250 Facebook pages devoted to Bubble Wrap.

Ken Aurichio, communications director for Sealed Air, the Elmwood Park-based company that manufactures Bubble Wrap, thought he'd witnessed every form of Bubble Wrap mania until he received a wedding invitation last year from a woman in Ohio, who said she would wear the product on her trip down the aisle.

"I'd never, never met her before," Aurichio said. "She must have gotten my name off the website." (No, he didn't attend.)

Like many innovations, Bubble Wrap initially was conceived for an entirely different purpose. According to Aurichio, a New York City designer approached inventors Marc Chavannes and Al Fielding in the late 1950s with a proposal for creating textured wallpaper.

There's also the true badge of hipness (for now, at least): A bubble-popping application for Apple's iPhone.

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Bernanke favoured for a 2nd term

APPOINTMENT White House officials and Senate leaders predicted yesterday that U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke will be confirmed for a second term.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said a new four-year term for the central bank head is needed to ensure stability in the financial system.

Bernanke, appointed by Republican president George W. Bush, is widely credited with helping to prevent the recession from turning into a depression. But his support of Wall Street bailouts has angered the public as the country struggles with double-digit unemployment and soaring home foreclosures.

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McDonald's **Doing well**

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A customer grabs lunch at a McDonald's drive-thru in Chicago. More hungry diners gobbling its cheap eats helped McDonald's Corp.'s sales and profit grow in its fourth quarter, the company said Friday in an earnings report showing it continued to weather the downturn better than its competitors.

Business in brief

OIL RESERVES Venezuela's Orinoco Oil Belt is one of the world's largest known oil deposits, and the U.S. Geological Survey says in a new estimate that it likely holds 513 billion barrels of recoverable heavy crude — nearly twice as much as the proven reserves of Saudi Arabia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Worries weigh on markets

Stock markets will likely be under pressure this week as proposals to impose new restrictions on U.S. banks and moves by China to tighten credit continue to cast a pall.

Investors also will be looking to fourth-quarter earnings from Canadian companies, the U.S. Federal Reserve's meeting on interest rates and the latest readings on U.S. and Canadian economic growth.

North American stock markets fell sharply last week with the S&P/TSX composite index down 2.9 per cent and the Dow Jones industrials fell 4.2 per cent.

Commodity stocks could come under selling pressure after China, the largest buyer of base metals, moved to increase banks' reserve requirements in a move to curb lending to put a lid on inflation.

The banking sector is under pressure after U.S. President Barack Obama unveiled plans for limits on how large big banks can be. He also aims to end some of the risky trading large financial companies have used in recent quarters to boost profits.

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Climate cover-up

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Connecting oceans to air quality

Three-year expedition sets out to discover links between CO2 absorption and world's water

NADIA LODDO
Metro World News

Science takes time, patience and stamina. In the middle of the Mediterranean, the schooner Tara is at the beginning of a three-year odyssey around the world: A 150,000 km expedition to explore the largely unknown world of the oceans.

"Ninety per cent of the biological mass of the oceans is made of plankton," explains Spanish marine biology researcher Silvia Acinas, scientific co-ordinator for Tara.

"These organisms are responsible for absorbing 50 per cent of the CO2 emissions on the Earth and producing 50 per cent of the oxygen we breathe but we only know 1 per cent of them: This expedition is about discovering the remaining 99 per cent."

The uncertainty of current climate models has a great deal to do with this unknown life. As a matter of fact, oceans are the major factor influencing climate, working as carbon pumps to a greater extent than rainforests do.

Every other day, the boat stops for a 12-hour scientific station. Pumping, filtering, sorting and labeling: The five researchers on board have a long day ahead of them. Over a thousand litres of sea water is pumped on board and filtered in the wet lab to separate the different kind of sea plankton – viruses, bacteria and protista.

At the back of the boat, the oceanographic winch allows sea water sampling of up to 2,500 metres in depth, thanks to the special Niskin bottles.

"A very ingenious device because their lids can be closed at a given depth taking samples at an exact point of interest," explains French ocean engineer Hervé Le Goff.

The plankton on the surface of the water will not escape the meticulous scientists either. Nets a few metres long are thrown from the back of the boat. For some minutes they trail behind the boat like giant jellyfish, under the impatient eyes of the researchers, before being pulled back up and sampled. Other scientific equipments, such as the STD are sunk to measure temperature and salinity and study the currents.

A few hundred samples are carefully labeled and preserved either to be analyzed in the on board dry lab or to be sent to the research centers on land. Every eight weeks a special parcel is sent in extremely rigorous conditions of temperature and time to get the planktons to destination safe and sound. This ambitious expedition will lead to the creation of a world-wide database of planktonic forms of life, along with supplying a great deal of information on currents, corals and pollution. But just as sampling is time-consuming, research also takes patience. The results of this extraordinary expedition will not be known until a few years after its end.

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The Tara expedition will have travelled more than 150,000 km when it's completed.

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Plankton account for 90 per cent of the biological mass in oceans.

60 The Tara expedition will cross the Mediterranean sea, Red sea, Indian ocean, Atlantic ocean, Pacific ocean, Arctic ocean and stop in 60 ports along its research mission.

Oceans

- 50 per cent of the CO2 produced on the Earth is absorbed by the oceans.
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Thirsty? Try nice box of water

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

CLIMATE There was a time when we thought being responsible meant drinking water and recycling the bottle it came in.

But today, a growing mass of evidence is pointing to how harmful the bottled water industry is for the economy and ecology of the modern world. Whether it's the amount of gas it takes to ship the water — the documentary film Tapped estimates that in the U.S. alone, 18 million barrels of oil are used every year to transport bottled water — or the toxins present in the plastic bottles, there is a realization that bottled water puts a serious strain on the environment.

Entrepreneur Benjamin Gott sensed the tide was turning on bottled water back in March of 2008, so he came up with a brilliant concept that was previously non-existent in this 16-billion-dollar bottled water industry — boxed water.

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Robinho leaving Man City?

Manchester City striker Robinho, left, told Brazilian radio yesterday that he is about to leave the Premier League club, and the president of his former team in Brazil said transfer talks have already started. Robinho told Radio Bandeirantes he had been advised by Man City directors that yesterday's match against Scunthorpe in the FA Cup would probably be the Brazilian forward's last for the club. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Raptors beat defending champs

NBA RESULTS
Lakers 105 Raptors 106

Kobe Bryant had a chance, which is usually all he needs. This time it wasn't enough.

The Los Angeles Lakers star had the ball in his hands an instant before the horn sounded, but sent the final shot of the game off the rim, giving the Toronto Raptors an unlikely and dramatic 106-105 win over the defending NBA champions.

It was only the sixth time the Raptors have beaten the league's most glamourous franchise. Bryant finished with a game-high 27 points, and one assist shy of his first triple-double of the season, but sent the Air Canada Centre into rapture with his missed shot.

Hedo Turkoglu hit a pair of free throws with 1.2 seconds remaining to give the Raptors (23-22) the win. The Lakers (33-11) did not trail until there were about seven minutes to go in the fourth quarter.

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Los Angeles never trailed in the first half. Aided by a slow Toronto start, in which the Raptors hit only three of their first 12 attempts from the field, the Lakers built a lead of up to nine. Andrew Bynum, well-rested and in uniform, contributed 15 points as the Lakers held a 56-54 lead at halftime.

Bryant had 14 points at the break. Chris Bosh had 12 points to lead the Raptors, who were basking in the glow of a significant comeback win over the Milwaukee Bucks Friday night.

Raptors centre Andrea Bargnani, who was sidelined Friday, returned to the lineup yesterday. The 24-year-old overcame a sore back to give the Air Canada Centre crowd its first thrill against the Lakers, driving through the lane for a one-handed reverse dunk in the first quarter.

The momentum struggled to gain a foothold, with the Raptors falling behind by as many as 10 points before a late surge closed the gap to only two heading into the fourth quarter.

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Saints best Vikings in OT

Unheralded Garrett Hartley lifted the New Orleans Saints into their first Super Bowl with a 40-yard field goal in overtime for a 31-28 victory over the Minnesota Vikings for the NFC championship yesterday.

After a battered Brett Favre threw away the game with an interception deep in Saints territory at the end of regulation, Drew Brees guided New Orleans to the Minnesota 22 in OT. Hartley, suspended at the start of the season for using a banned stimulant, split the uprights.

Forget the Aints and the paper bag masks. The Saints will meet the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl in two weeks in Miami.

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Manning rallies Colts over Jets to reach Super Bowl

NFL RESULTS
Jets 17 Colts 30

Perfection doesn't matter when you're the best and heading for the Super Bowl.

Four-time MVP Peyton Manning threw three touchdown passes and the Indianapolis Colts rallied from an 11-point, first-half deficit to beat the New York Jets 30-17 yesterday in the AFC championship game.

The Colts (15-2) are now headed back to Miami for the second time in four years and their fourth Super Bowl in franchise history.

For the Colts, it was a measure of redemption.

A month ago when the Jets were last in town, Indianapolis coach Jim Caldwell pulled his starters in the third quarter and gave up a chance at a perfect season to focus on a Super Bowl run.

This time, they got it right. Manning was on the field for the final play.

Manning finished 26-of-39 for 377 yards.

He became the first player in league history with seven 300-yard post-season games.

The Colts will face the New Orleans Saints in two weeks.

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Indianapolis Colts tight end Dallas Clark scores a touchdown yesterday against the New York Jets during the AFC championship game in Indianapolis. The Colts beat the Jets 30-17.

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Homan stays undefeated at curling championship
Ontario's Rachel Homan capped an undefeated run at the Canadian junior curling championship by beating B.C. 9-5 yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roddick advances

Toronto's Daniel Nestor nets two wins in Australia

Four days after an angry outburst over rules relating to replays and line calls, American Andy Roddick got a crucial call in his favour in his fourth-round Australian Open win over Fernando Gonzalez.

Roddick held off the 2007 Australian Open finalist 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 yesterday to advance to the quarter-finals at the season's first major for the sixth time in eight years.

Roddick, 27, will meet No. 14 Marin Cilic of Croatia, who ousted U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro in five sets.

Roddick bucked the trend on a day of upsets that also resulted in fourth-round exits for two of the top women: No. 2 Dinara Safina, last year's finalist, and No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsova, the defending French Open champion.

"I got a little lucky tonight, but sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," said seventh-seeded Roddick, who hopes to end a Grand Slam drought that dates to the 2003 U.S. Open.

But it was also a great day for Canada's Daniel Nestor.

Nestor, of Toronto, and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic won their men's doubles third-round match.

Then Nestor teamed with Slovakian Daniela Hantuchova to win their opening mixed doubles contest.

After wasting four set points in the 10th game of the fourth set, Roddick rallied from 40-0 down in the 12th — Gonzalez' next service game — to earn a fifth set point. Then he hit the contentious, dipping crosscourt forehand.

The ball was called out and Gonzalez didn't take a swing. Roddick challenged the call immediately, and the evidence showed the ball just caught the line, giving Roddick the set to level at two-all and igniting a protest from Gonzalez.

The Chilean argued he could have had a play on the ball and chair umpire Enric Molina should have replayed the point.

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Andy Roddick plays a backhand yesterday in his fourth-round match against Fernando Gonzalez during Day 7 of the 2010 Australian Open at Melbourne Park.

Stoke boots Arsenal from FA Cup play

SOCCER Stoke eliminated Arsenal from FA Cup play with a 3-1 win yesterday to give Sol Campbell an unhappy return to the team after almost four years.

Just 70 seconds into Campbell's second Arsenal debut, Rory Delap's first trademark long throw-in flew over the 35-year-old defender and Ricardo Fuller headed powerfully past Lukasz Fabianski.

The visitors tied it just before the break on Denilson's deflected strike but Fuller headed in from Delap again in the 78th and Dean Whitehead sealed Stoke's fourth-round win.

Manchester City were drawn to play Stoke after Roberto Mancini's side beat Scunthorpe in yesterday's other match, with Robinho rounding off a 4-2 victory before departing on a likely loan move to Brazilian side Santos.

Campbell was one of nine changes Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger made from the side that beat Bolton in midweek to remain firmly in the league title race.

Arsenal has crucial league matches against Aston Villa, Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool in a 14-day spell coming up.

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FA Cup

- With Liverpool and Manchester United already eliminated in the third round, Chelsea is the only member of the Premier League traditional "Big Four" remaining in the world's oldest knockout competition.

Sports in brief

CFL The Winnipeg Blue Bombers fired player-personnel director John Murphy yesterday. The move comes just two days after the CFL club hired Joe Mack as its vice-president of football operations.

CRICKET Mohammad Mahmudullah smashed an unbeaten 96 before Bangladesh was dismissed for 233 yesterday on the first day of the second and final test against India. India replied with 69 without losing any wicket when stumps were drawn early for bad light at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

CYCLING Germany's Andre Greipel won the Tour Down Under for the second time in three years yesterday, finishing fifth in the final stage behind Chris Sutton, who claimed a first-ever stage win for Britain's Team Sky. Australia's Sutton won yesterday's 91-kilometre stage from New Zealand teammate Greg Henderson to give Team Sky, newly formed on a reported $50-million US budget, a one-two finish in the last leg of the six-day tour.

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Martin beats Howard

Kevin Martin got what he wanted from his team's final competition before the Vancouver Olympics. Martin's Alberta rink defeated longtime Ontario foe Glenn Howard 6-4 in yesterday's BDO Classic Canadian Open in front of 4,115 fans at MTS Centre in Winnipeg. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Skier makes Olympic cut

Third-place finish at World Cup event enough for Dave Duncan

Two of his skicross teammates won gold yesterday, but Dave Duncan still had the biggest smile on the podium.

The native of Golden, B.C., put together his strongest performance of the World Cup season, a third-place finish that propelled him into the final spot on the Canadian Olympic freestyle team. Facing his final Olympic qualifying event, Duncan needed to finish fifth or better to surpass aerialist Olivier Rochon for a berth in Vancouver.

"It had crossed my mind a few times," Duncan joked. "I think I woke up a couple times (Saturday night) just thinking about how the race was going to play out. But I just stuck to the game plan up there, and didn't panic as mistakes were made, and crossed the finish line, and here we are."

Christopher Del Bosco of Sudbury won the men's event, while Kelsey Serwa of Kelowna, B.C., captured the women's race on a cool day at Whiteface Mountain. Del Bosco and Serwa each won their second gold medals of the season; both were awarded gold in Alpe D'Huez, France, two weeks ago after poor weather forced organizers to cancel the finals.

Duncan skied with vigour yesterday, winning his opening heat before edging out teammate Brian Bennett to reach the semis. Needing to advance to the final to secure his Olympic spot, Duncan roared back from last place after a gate malfunction left him scrambling to make up ground from the get-go. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada's Dave Duncan, left, competes in a semifinal heat yesterday in men's skicross during World Cup freestyle skiing in Wilmington, N.Y. Duncan finished third at the event.

Gold streak ends for Canadian snowboarders

GIANT SLALOM The Canadian hot streak in men's World Cup snowboarding came to an end yesterday on an icy mountain in Stoneham, Que.

A Canuck boarder had won gold in each of the first four parallel giant slalom races to start the season, but a pair of powerful Austrian riders took the top podium spots away from the speedy Canadian team — on home turf, to boot.

World No. 1 Benjamin (Benji) Karl beat Andreas Prommegger to win the gold yesterday. Prommegger took home the silver in an event packed with elite snowboarders.

Veteran Jasey-Jay Anderson of Mont-Tremblant, Que., won the bronze.

Anderson, who has two World Cup victories this season and ranks No. 2 in the world, said the hill's icy conditions gave him trouble.

He considered himself lucky to finish third.

"It was very intense, I felt like I was on a battlefield," said Anderson, 34, who lost to Karl in the semifinals.

"There's not much you can do with this, just survival. It's controlled mayhem, if that makes any sense."

Toronto's Michael Lambert took seventh place. Lambert needed a top-five finish to guarantee himself a spot on the Canadian Olympic team, but is still expected to make the squad. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Icemaker who buried lucky loonie accuses Mint of unsportsmanlike conduct

COIN The man who buried a lucky loonie in the ice during the 2002 Winter Olympics says his memory of the event and his Olympic spirit have been dampened since he was muscled out of the coin tradition by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Trent Evans was an icemaker during the Salt Lake City Games when he stuck a loonie inside the ice that would see both the Canadian men's and women's hockey teams strike gold.

Trent Evans

Evans worked with the Mint on promotions for a couple years after the win and says he even had his name and likeness used in a "lucky loonie" design.

But the Edmonton father of two charges the Mint has since pushed him out, refusing to recognize his role in the lucky loonie tradition while cutting down on his involvement in the campaign.

"Big brother, if you will, has kind of taken over the story and done with it what they want to do with it, without including the personal piece of the story, the guy," Evans said in an interview with The Canadian Press.

Mint spokeswoman Christine Aquino says the lucky loonie has evolved in recent years and gone in a new direction, though she wouldn't say if the facility had a falling out with Evans.

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Workology

Knowledge capital concerns

Last week, University of Waterloo president David Johnston issued a mixed report card in reviewing his 10 goals for Waterloo Region to become the "knowledge capital of Canada." Johnston's concerns are that residents are still undereducated compared to Ontario and national benchmarks, and local universities are struggling for North American prominence even as they gain national recognition. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Gyms strive to keep 'em coming

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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January and February are the busiest months of the year for gyms, but things fall off in the spring.

Thinking of joining a gym to finally get in shape in the New Year? You're not alone.

Every January, a rush of repentant fitness-seekers hits the gym to work off those holiday pounds and start a healthier lifestyle.

Yet inevitably many people fall off the wagon once spring rolls around. The challenge fitness clubs face is to keep people coming in.

Sammie Kennedy, CEO and creator of Booty Camp Fitness which hosts women-only fitness boot camps at more than 90 locations across Canada, says January is definitely a busy time for drawing new members, but that the goal is to make sure they stick around after the initial rush.

"January is one of our busiest seasons and one of our goals at Booty Camp Fitness is to not let these people become 'January joiners.' We want them to come back and get hooked on fitness," Kennedy said.

Taso Pappas, chief operating officer of Extreme Fitness Canada which operates 13 fitness clubs throughout Toronto, says the last 10 years have seen a strong upsurge in new members right after the holidays. According to Pappas, Extreme Fitness clubs see an average increase of 40 per cent in new member signups during January and February compared to the rest of the year, as well as a 40 per cent higher usage rate among existing members determined to get back on the wagon.

Yet by the time March hits, usage and new member signups drop 25 to 30 per cent again, proving that keeping new members from dropping out after the start-of-year rush is the biggest challenge fitness companies face, Pappas says.

> **"People are starting the year with good intentions, and our challenge is to try and keep them committed."**
> Extreme Fitness CEO Taso Pappas

"People are starting the year with good intentions, and our challenge is to try and keep them committed and convince them the lifestyle change they're making is worthwhile," Pappas said.

Motivation and expert guidance are key for most people: At Extreme, 90 per cent of new members who take on a personal trainer see higher results and stay active in the club for 12 months or longer, while half of those without personal trainers stop working out before the year is up.

"You can't just bring new members into a big room full of equipment and say, 'Have a nice day.' That's a recipe for disaster. If they're putting in the effort and not getting a return, they'll eventually stop coming," Pappas said.

Group dynamics and social interaction play a big part in getting members to stick to their fitness plans — the goal is to create a larger community of members with group fitness classes and out-of-gym social events that bring people together, Pappas says.

At Booty Camp Fitness, Kennedy runs ice-breaking sessions and uses partner work and team games in the overall fitness strategy because fitness friends create a level of camaraderie and support for each other.

"The group atmosphere does bring members back. It's a very supportive, social atmosphere," Kennedy said.

Clergy happiest with career: Study

SURVEY SAYS Last year, Jim Rosenthal gave up a 20-year career in PR, to become a priest. Doing so meant taking a 70 per cent pay cut. And as a rookie priest, Rosenthal has to start at the bottom of the ladder.

Even so, he loves his new job in London. "As I walk down the street, many people ignore me, and once a man even spit on me, but usually I get kind looks and people ask me for a blessing", explains Rosenthal. "I try to be an agent of goodwill, and as a priest you have a chance to communicate even better."

Rosenthal isn't the only enthusiastic priest. According to the University of Chicago's survey on job satisfaction, clergy have the highest job satisfaction.

Richard Reid, 31, gave up a comfortable life as a sound engineer at Nickelodeon to become a London firefighter. "I get to put out fires, I get to go to schools and talk about fire safety and lead workshops encouraging minority men to get an education," says Reid. "What else can I ask for? The only thing I can think of is that firefighters deserve to be paid more."

Priests, too, put out fires, albeit different ones. "And like firefighters, we save lives," notes Rosenthal.

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Happy and sad

- The happiest jobs in descending order: Clergy (e.g. priests, rabbis, imams), firefighters, physical therapists, authors, special education teachers, teachers, painters, sculptors.
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U.S. research finds college grades not affected by social networks

New research from the University of New Hampshire finds that college students who actively engage in social networking do just as well academically as their peers who are less interested in the activity. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Real-life CSI not sexy

Rod Spencer has mixed feelings about the TV phenom CSI. It's great in that it has inspired a whole new generation of young people to do forensic work. His classes at Humber College in Toronto, which are part of the Police Foundations program, are full.

But the 63-year-old former police officer isn't as keen on how the show plays fast and loose with science (there's often a nugget of truth in what they do, but little more) and makes death seem glamourous. "Real life isn't like that. Seeing somebody murdered isn't sexy."

Spencer himself was drawn to police work as a young man because of his father, who was a cop in their hometown of Garson, just outside Sudbury, Ont. "He was an honourable man, I suppose I wanted to follow in his footsteps."

He moved to Toronto after high school and applied to the police force. He was accepted — the process was less competitive and stringent than today, and all you needed was good eyesight, good morals and some references — went to the Toronto Police College, and got to work.

He did a few jobs on the force, and soon became a first-class constable. As a hobby, he began doing photography. That helped him get a job in forensics.

After being hired by the crime scene team, he was sent back to college for training, then began photographing crime scenes, making moulds of shoe prints, analyzing blood spatters and doing lab work such as comparing fingerprints.

The job alternates between field and lab work. Some crime scenes, like a break and enter, take less than an hour to investigate. But a homicide can take weeks of work on the scene, and then many more following up in the lab.

Some cases end up in court, and that takes preparation and an ability to explain yourself clearly so a jury can understand.

Spencer later got promoted to homicide, and then became superintendent.

Now, he teaches at Humber, using the school's new forensics lab, leading them through simulated investigations and even participating in mock trials.

Spencer also does forensic work as a freelancer. He doesn't visit crime scenes much anymore, but he consults with lawyers and private investigators abut how to understand and utilize forensic evidence for their own cases and investigations.

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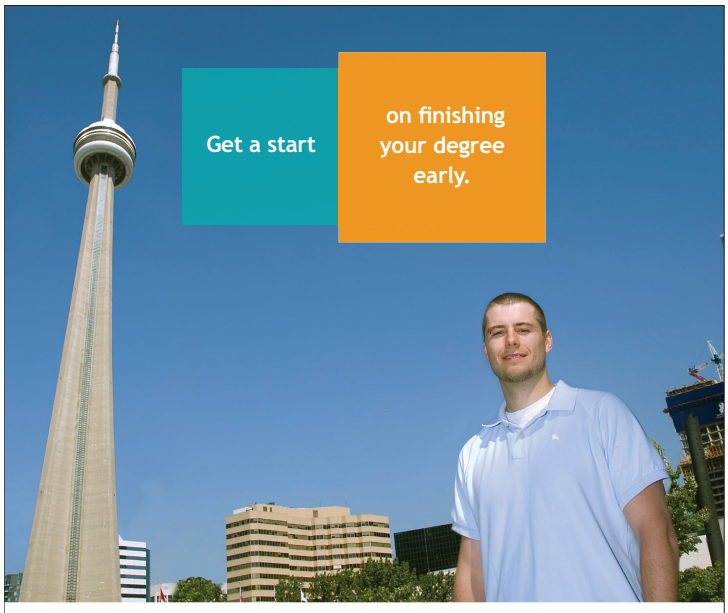
CSI instructor Rod Spencer at work.

The Lowdown

Job title: Crime scene investigator
Salary: Police officer pay based on your rank
Education/training: First constable and a college.
Best Part of the Job: "In policing in general you have a lot of variety, lots of jobs don't have that."
Worst Part of the Job: "Shift work is no cup of tea."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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When co-workers get on your nerves ...

It's the chitchat that never seems to end. Or the humming or whistling while you're trying to concentrate. Or the smell of someone's lunch (what IS she eating?), or even a whiff of body odour.

The most irritating or disruptive things about a job may have nothing to do with too much work or boring assignments. Sometimes what gets your goat is the annoying habits of the person at the next desk or cubicle.

What do you do? Put up with it? Complain to your co-worker and maybe start a rift? Complain to the boss and possibly make everything worse?

Management consultants say you should address such issues if they could end up affecting how well you do your job. Here are some tips about the best way to deal with disruptive co-workers:

Annoyance or interference

The first step is to figure out whether your co-worker's behaviour is just annoying or if really does interfere with your ability to do your job. You also need to ask yourself, is it really your colleague causing the problem, or is it your attitude?

Some people may be more sensitive or intolerant if they are unhappy in their jobs, under a lot of stress or dealing with personal issues. They may be more prone to find something wrong with a co-worker's behaviour, said Roxanne Emmerich, a workplace management expert who runs The Emmerich Group Inc. in Minneapolis.

"If there is no work problem, then you really need to ask yourself, is this something that I just need to let go," said Atlanta workplace management coach Marie McIntyre, who runs the website youroffice coach.com.

Quiet, please

Some people need quiet to concentrate while others embrace noise or talking as part of the creative process.

McIntyre said there are physiological differences among people that allow some to screen out co-workers' conversations and other noise. Others, however, hear and notice everything.

"If you're somebody who hears every single background noise, then you probably need to take some steps in your own workspace to counter that," she said. Try earplugs, headphones and if that fails ask to be moved.

The conversation

When those steps don't work, it's time for a conversation with your co-worker. Often, colleagues don't realize they are creating problems and are willing to make changes, experts say.

Explain to your colleague that his or her behaviour is interfering with your ability to do your job. Offer an alternative or work out a compromise, Emmerich said.

The taboo topics

Sometimes the problem is a sensitive matter, such as your co-worker's body odour. In this case, you need to be extremely tactful — remember that most people are likely to be shocked and embarrassed when you deliver the news. Management consultants suggest asking your co-worker if you could discuss something that you realize may be difficult to hear. And then gently explain that you have noticed an odour that is distracting to you and perhaps others.

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Cash unfolds waiting List

Rosanne's new disc contains 'essential country' from father

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It's one of those priceless documents that probably belongs in the Smithsonian Institute — a hand-written list on a single sheet of legal-size paper, front and back, with the heading "100 Essential Country Songs."

It was written by Johnny Cash while on tour, back in 1973. He spent an afternoon, pencil in hand, compiling it for his 18-year-old daughter Rosanne Cash.

And what did she do with it?

She studied it carefully and then folded it up — yes, folded it, as in put a permanent crease in it — and stuck it in a box.

"I was just thinking, 'this is nice, I'm going to save it,'" Rosanne Cash told Metro in an interview. "I didn't think of it being the holy grail of documents. I certainly didn't think about that when he gave it to me at 18.

"I wasn't thinking that Johnny Cash gave me the list. I was thinking that it was dad who gave me the list. It was a personal thing, to give me an idea about who we were as musicians."

Cash may have looked at the list once or twice in the 30 years after her father wrote it. She only remembers keeping it in a box with other bits and pieces of memorabilia. It moved with her from California to Nashville and to her present home in New York.

A couple of years ago, Cash rediscovered the list while preparing for her Black Cadillac tour. It was time, she decided, to take some of the songs out of the box.

The result was her new CD, The List. It contains 12 songs off Johnny's list of essentials — Miss the Mississippi and You, Motherless Children, Sea of Heartbreak (with Bruce Springsteen), Take These Chains from my Heart, I'm Movin' On, Heartaches by the Number (with Elvis Costello), 500 Miles, Long Black Veil (with Jeff Tweedy), She's Got You, Girl From the North Country, Silver Wings (with Rufus Wainwright) and Bury Me Under the Weeping Willow.

While on tour in 1973 Johnny Cash compiled a hand-written list for daughter Rosanne with the heading 100 Essential Country Songs. She picked 12 of those songs for her latest album, The List.

For whatever reasons, Cash has chosen to keep the identity of the other 88 secret, except for a few slips in interviews.

"It'll be in my lifetime," is the only answer she gives when asked when fans will learn the rest.

Cash has already started work on a followup to The List, which would contain another dozen or so of her father's choices. She says it's possible there could be a third List CD, but draws the line at that. So many of the songs simply don't suit her voice, style or gender.

When asked, she admits that her father included some of his own songs on the list, confirming I Walk the Line as one of them.

"My dad was very humble," she says. "He only included two of his own."

Rosanne also lets slip that Hank Williams' I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry and Woody Guthrie's This Land Is Your Land are also list members.

But it's a tease. She won't go further.

Cash does admit, however, to wishing she had asked her dad to revise it before he died.

"It is one of my great regrets in life that I didn't think to ask him to update it," she says.

When asked if anything released since 1973 that may have made an amended list, she responds with George Jones' hit He Stopped Loving Her Today, written by Jones.

And where is the list now?

"It's still in the box," Cash laughs.

"I haven't put it under glass or under armed guard."

Music **feature**

Avatar tops box office for 6th weekend

James Cameron's Avatar is on a course to sink Titanic at the box office.

No. 1 for the sixth-straight weekend with $36 million US, the 20th Century Fox sci-fi spectacle lifted its domestic total to $552.8 million, according to studio estimates yesterday. Avatar raised its worldwide total to $1.841 billion. That's $2 million shy of first place behind Cameron's last movie, the 1997 shipwreck epic Titanic, at $1.843 billion.

"It defies all superlatives," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox.

The studio said Avatar has hit $1.29 billion in international ticket sales, passing the $1.24 billion mark set by Titanic. The saga set on the alien world of Pandora is also en route to overtake Titanic in domestic sales. After 37 days in theatres, Avatar soared past The Dark Knight on Saturday to become the second highest grossing film.

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"We're witnessing box office history," said Paul Dergarabedian, box office analyst for Hollywood.com. "We're watching all of these big records fall, and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight. Avatar is dominating at a time where it has no big summer blockbusters to compete with it. It's perfectly poised to keep breaking all these records."

Avatar is also positioned to win acclaim during awards season. While the computer-assisted performances didn't earn any honours at Saturday's Screen Actors Guild Awards, it captured the best drama and director trophies at last week's Golden Globes and is considered a likely best-picture front runner when Oscar nominations are announced Feb. 2.

Screen Gems' apocalyptic thriller Legion, featuring Paul Bettany as an Armageddon-fighting fallen angel, debuted behind Avatar at No. 2 with $18.2 million. Fox's family fantasy comedy Tooth Fairy, starring Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson as a hockey player who spreads his wings as a magical deity, took flight in the No. 4 spot with $14.5 million.

Estimated weekend ticket sales at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Hollywood.com.

1. Avatar, $36 million.
2. Legion, $18.2 million.
3. The Book of Eli, $17 million.
4. Tooth Fairy, $14.5 million.
5. The Lovely Bones, $8.8 million.
6. Sherlock Holmes, $7.1 million.
7. Extraordinary Measures, $7 million.
8. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel, $6.5 million.
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Lowe point for Brothers&Sisters

Rob Lowe will leave the ABC drama Brothers&Sisters at the end of the season, his publicist said Friday. Lowe plays Sen. Robert McCallister, who is married to Calista Flockhart's character, Kitty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Bettany plays an angel saving mankind in Legion.

Angels and duds

Legion

Director: Scott Stewart
Stars: Paul Bettany, Dennis Quaid
Classification: STC
Rating:

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Somebody up there has a sense of humour: how else to explain Paul Bettany starring in duelling new releases as both Charles Darwin and a badass angel bent on keeping God from destroying humanity?

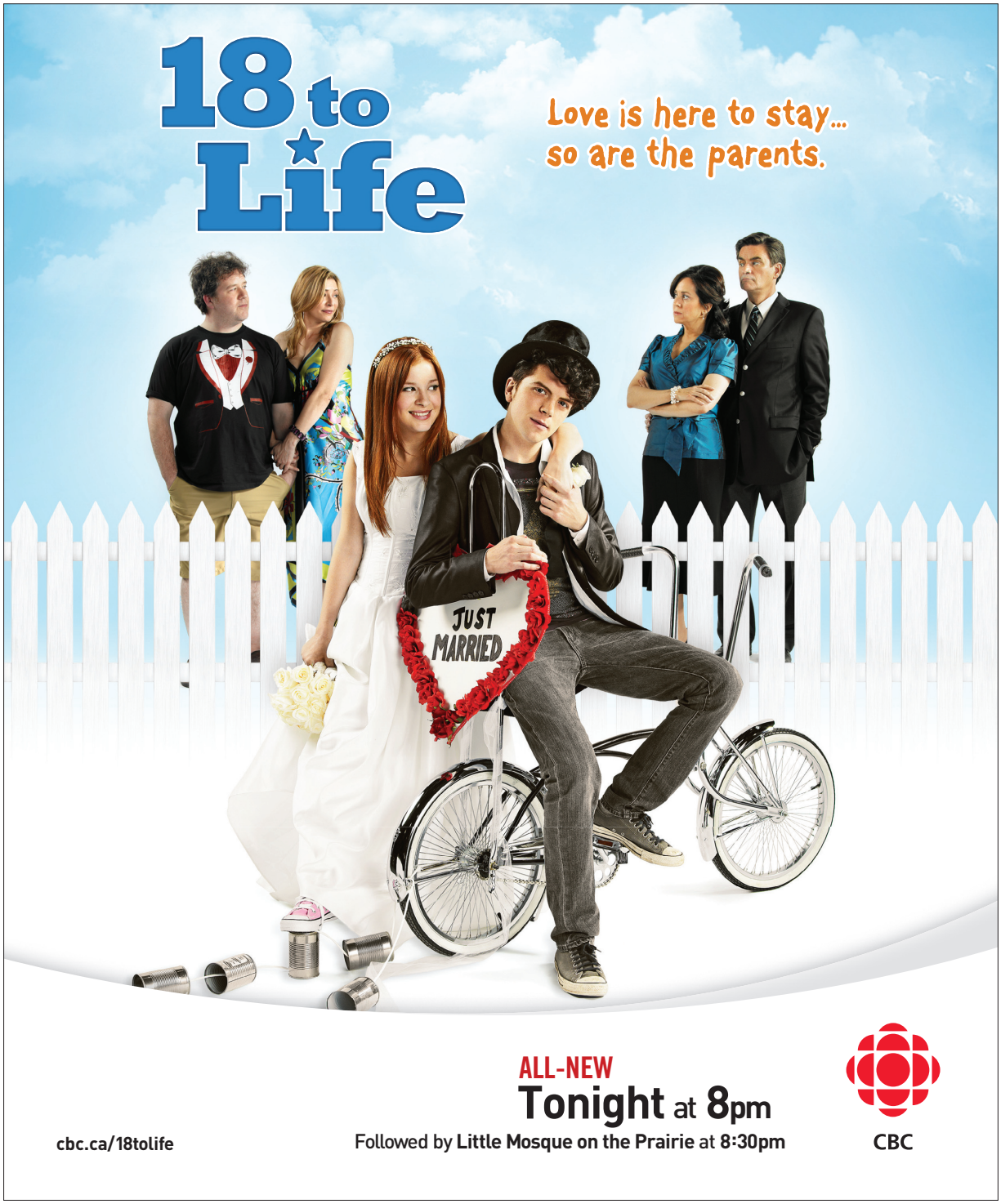
Descending from the heavens into the L.A. night like Kyle Reese, Bettany's Michael is bent on making it out to the desert, to a truck stop housing a twangy Sarah Connor manque (Adrianne Palicki). Precisely why this dust-bunny's unborn child holds the key to humanity's salvation in the face of extermination is a question never addressed in Peter Schink and director Scott Stewart's screenplay.

A few others: Why does God's plan to eradicate his most beloved creations include so much stalling? (The first act plays like Dawn of the Dead, with possessed citizens assaulting the compound and getting shot up by Bettany and his motley crew of human pals, including Tyrese Gibson and a hook-handed Charles S. Dutton.)

Why does Michael's winged nemesis Gabriel (Kevin Durand) stop in the middle of his Divine errand to have a fistfight? When did Dennis Quaid go from the poor man's Harrison Ford to an ornery supporting role in mid-January studio dreck?

Legion is atrociously made, but what really rankles are its thinly veiled reactionary politics (in short: armed militias = good; abortions = not so much).

• For a trailer of Legion, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies



Scorpions readying final Sting

CURTAIN CALL The German rock band Scorpions is bringing down the curtain on a career spanning more than four decades.

The band, known for its early 1990s hit Wind of Change among others, said on its website Sunday that "we agree we have reached the end of the road."

It said it would end its career with a final album — Sting in the Tail, to be released in March — and a tour that will start in Germany in May and take it across the world "over the next few years."

Guitarist Rudolf Schenker founded the band in Hannover in 1965. Singer Klaus Meine joined a few years later. Both men are 61.

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Guthrie headlines benefit

Folk singer Arlo Guthrie has headlined a sold-out concert that raised more than $10,000 US for the victims of series of arson fires in western Massachusetts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A glorious win

Tarantino cast, Bridges, Bullock, Mad Men and Glee claim top SAG awards

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Omar Doom, left, Jacky Ido, second from left, and Eli Roth, right, accept the award for best cast of a movie for Inglourious Basterds from George Clooney, second from right, at the 16th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards on Saturday in Los Angeles.

Jeff Bridges of Crazy Heart and Sandra Bullock of The Blind Side claimed top acting honours at Saturday's Screen Actors Guild Awards, building momentum for possible Academy Awards glory for the two stars.

"I love being an actor — pretending to be other people and getting into the shoes of other folks," said Bridges, who plays a hard-luck, hard-living country singer in the drama.

Although respected by his peers, Bridges has largely been bypassed for major awards. Bullock also got a rare chance to bask in the awards spotlight, winning for her portrayal of a tenacious real-life mom, Leigh Anne Tuohy, who helped a youth in need, future NFL player Michael Oher.

Both Bridges and Bullock had picked up Golden Globes trophies for their roles less than a week ago. Backstage, Bullock refused to speculate on her Oscar chances in March.

"Shhhhh. Shhhh. Shhhh," she said, repeatedly, to a reporter asking the question.

"I would be a hostess or a waitress or a house restorer before I ever considered myself an actor, because I never thought I was good enough."
Sandra Bullock, actress in The Blind Side

"I would be a hostess or a waitress or a house restorer before I ever considered myself an actor, because I never thought I was good enough," Bullock added.

In another repeat of the Golden Globes, Christoph Waltz was honoured as best supporting actor for his role as an energetically ruthless Nazi in the film Inglourious Basterds, while Mo'Nique's searing portrayal of an abusive mother in Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire, was honoured as best supporting actress.

The cast of Inglourious Basterds, an off-kilter Second World War revenge saga from Quentin Tarantino, won the award for best ensemble performance, a possible sign of the film's Oscar chances for a best-movie nomination and nod for Tarantino.

"It was an honour to be part of it, Quentin," cast member Eli Roth said in accepting the award for the cast.

The cast of AMC's 1960s Madison Avenue saga Mad Men won the trophy for best drama series ensemble for the second year in a row, while 19 cast members of Fox TV newcomer Glee, about misfits in a high school singing club, accepted the award for best comedy series ensemble.

Glee is on a streak: It claimed the best comedy series award at the Golden Globes.

Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey of NBC's 30 Rock won for best acting in a comedy series, allowing Fey to get in a sly joke about NBC and its bitter late-night battle with Conan O'Brien in her acceptance speech.

"I just wanted to take a moment to say to everyone at NBC, we are very happy with everything, and happy to be there," she said. Both she and Baldwin won the awards last year.

Golden Globe winner Michael C. Hall of Showtime's Dexter, wearing a cap because of treatment he's receiving for Hodgkin's lymphoma, won best actor in a drama series. The award for best actress in a drama went to Julianna Margulies of CBS' The Good Wife.

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Other honours

- Two honours not shown in Saturday's Screen Actors Guild Awards telecast went to stunt ensembles for the film Star Trek and the TV show 24.

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TV, film stars mingle at SAG Awards

The Screen Actors Guild Awards are all about the stars of TV and film honouring their own.

That meant a slew of famous faces everywhere Saturday, from the red carpet to the ballroom to the backstage press area and onsite after-party.

Behind Schedule: An hour into Saturday's Screen Actor Guild Awards, things were already running a bit late.

A woman announced to the actors who had yet to receive awards to keep their acceptance speeches short. As in 45 seconds or less short.

SAG Award winners Jeff Bridges and Sandra Bullock, right.

Winners of early awards took time to thank their spouses, parents, writers and the crew members who work on their shows.

Celebrity Crush: A crew of walkie-talkie-wearing publicists steered the crush of celebrity traffic on the red carpet outside the Shrine Auditorium.

"Tina Fey," one woman shouted into her headset moments before the 30 Rock star stepped onto the carpet. Another publicist wrangled Fey, telling her, "this is the pre-show." Seconds later, Fey was on camera.

Meanwhile, Alec Baldwin, Christina Applegate, Vera Farmiga and Tony Shalhoub found themselves rubbing shoulders as they waited in front of a maze of TV-interview platforms from Entertainment Tonight, Access Hollywood, E!, CNN and People magazine.

Cameramen followed nominee Anna Kendrick before she disappeared into the throng of celebs. A series of strobe flashes also followed Sophia Loren and Meryl Streep, who each arrived wearing shades.

A cluster of publicists used walkie-talkies to co-ordinate how to get the whole cast of Glee in one spot as stars Dianna Agron and Jane Lynch posed for photos on different corners of the carpet.

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White gets 'A' for achievement

TELEVISION Betty White accepted a lifetime achievement award at Saturday's Screen Actors Guild Awards with the wit and grace that have punctuated her six-decade career.

White, 88, was the guest-of-honour at a gathering of Hollywood's top actors and actresses. She walked the red carpet and was treated to lavish praise by her peers. She reflected on her career, which included roles on The Mary Tyler Moore Show, The Golden Girls and several film appearances.

"Seventy-one years ago when I sang on an experiment thing and it was called television, who would have dreamed it would culminate in an evening like this," White said after accepting her award.

Betty White

She joked backstage that all the attention was going to go to her head. "I'm not going to be fit to live with the next few years."

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Spears donates dress to Haiti

Britney Spears is donating the dress she wore to the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards so it can be auctioned, with the proceeds going to help Haitian earthquake victims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poetry of the Deed

Frank Turner blends punk passion, acoustic serenity

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"I'm not in a normal band," declares English folk-punk hero Frank Turner. "It's a dictatorship."

While such a description of Turner's current project seems abhorrent, for the past two albums and four years, he's actually been a solo singer-songwriter. In keeping with traditional British humour, Turner's really attacking himself as it's only since third album Poetry of the Deed, released this past fall, that he picked up a backing band.

"I'm the boss and it's definitely no democracy. Well, maybe it's a consultive dictatorship," he quips before getting to the point. "I work with some truly great musicians who offer ideas on everything from song structure to artwork. But as a strong-willed person, I generally have my own ideas and choose to ignore them — or not — as the case may be. They're not fearful of speaking to me or any of that crap, but at the end of the day, it's my project so I have to feel comfortable with how they represent me."

By all accounts, they're doing fine. Hired to flesh-out his aural presence on the tour for 2008's Love Ire & Song, Turner was immediately impressed with "how much better they made me sound," signing on the six-deep brigade full-time for Poetry of the Deed. In fact, he's far more pleased with this group of professionals as compared to his previous band where Turner was forced to let others represent him.

"I was in a group for a long time before I went solo. There was a fair amount of psychological fallout after that," Turner reveals about past endeavour Millions Dead, a revered post-hardcore punk outfit that dissolved in 2005 due to personal conflict.

"That group fell apart for really horrendous and pathetic reasons. I needed a couple of years of not being in a band for the head space. After that, I had to stand on my own feet to realize what kind of noise I want to make."

That noise, a delightfully infectious commingling of punk rock passion with acoustic serenity and vocal warmth, has been realized on Poetry of the Deed, his most accomplished to date — Millions Dead or otherwise. Turner also feels that branching outside of the simplicities of punk and into the starkness of acoustic performance has allowed for greater musical growth, a prime reason for Poetry of the Deed's success.

Poetry of the Deed is the third solo album from British punk-folk hero Frank Turner.

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Frank Turner

"I'm working on the whole songwriter thing and I'm getting better. Despite being in bands for such a long time, being in a hardcore band isn't writing in the traditional Bob Dylan sense. It's more getting a bunch of cool riffs together and putting them in some order as opposed to the holistic approach," he says, concluding there's still room for improvement.

"My subject matter has expanded because I'm a confessional writer and as my life moves on, the subjects do. There are fewer songs on this album about being lonely and on drugs than there used to be. It's like I've grown up and got a girlfriend, man."

In Concert

- Frank Turner plays The Legendary Horseshoe Tavern on Tuesday and The Dakota Tavern on Wednesday.

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Actress Jean Simmons dead

Jean Simmons, whose ethereal screen presence and starring roles with Hollywood's top actors made her a mid-century film icon, has died at age 80. Her films include Guys and Dolls and Hamlet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fawcett estate sues doc producer

LEGAL Farrah Fawcett's estate sued a producer Friday who collaborated with the actress, claiming he botched a documentary project and misused her company's money. The lawsuit claims Craig J. Nevius exploited Fawcett and improperly revealed privileged information about the actress to the media, including that her cancer had returned.

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Fan feedback lifts game sequel

Canadian design team unleashing Mass Effect 2 tomorrow

Casey Hudson had the weight of an entire universe on his shoulders when he started his work.

Tasked with developing the sequel to the hit role-playing video game Mass Effect, Hudson and his Canadian-based design team knew they faced a tall order. How to improve on the original by creating a story that is deeper and gameplay that is richer?

What's more, how to avoid a Part 2 letdown?

"We looked at every bit of feedback we could find," Hudson says.

Online forums, reviews — they even trolled the depths of YouTube for anyone offering an opinion on the game.

"It just feels better. It's more fun."
Video game designer Casey Hudson

The result? Hudson says they found more than 40 areas to improve, everything from making the combat sequences more realistic to making the planets in their fictional universe more detailed.

"Every planet that you go to is going to have something different and weird and wonderful for you to discover," Hudson says, with an enthusiasm bordering on salesmanship.

"It just feels better. It's more fun."

Mass Effect 2 for Xbox 360 and PC is to hit store shelves tomorrow with all the hype of a big-screen Star Wars instalment.

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Sundance **Jett, set, go**

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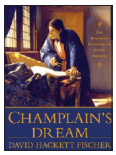
Joan Jett performs Saturday at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. The Runaways, a film about Jett's former band, debuted at the festival yesterday. Kristen Stewart plays the legendary rocker in the film.

Many shades of explorer

Champlain's **Dream**

Author: David Hackett Fischer
Publisher: Vintage Canada
Price: $24.95 (Paperback)

1608 WAS A MINT YEAR for Samuel de Champlain. His explorative pursuits would lead him to discover Québec City, staking his claim to the title "Père de la Nouvelle-France" in history texts forever. But "explorer" was just one of many hats the France native wore. In Champlain's Dream, Pulitzer Prize-winning American author and professor David Hackett Fischer examines the other facets of the meticulous chronicler's life that make him memorable. In particular, Hackett Fischer focuses on Champlain's dedication to co-operation between the Québécois, Acadian and Métis people and preserving their respective cultural legacies.



Too Much **Money**

Author: Dominick Dunne
Publisher: Crown
Price: $31.00 (Hardcover)

IN HIS 1988 bestseller People Like Us, Dominick Dunne introduced readers to the toast of New York society and dark sides of glittering lives. Dunne reacquaints us with protagonist gossip journalist Gus Bailey, who finds himself in legal trouble worth millions when he reports false information about a congressman's link to a missing girl. The controversy distracts him from the novel he's writing on a billionaire's death, made more cumbersome when the wealthy man's widow commits to silencing Bailey to keep up with the crème.

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BookPicks

Judge calls jury's penalty "monstrous and shocking"
A U.S. federal judge reduced a nearly $2-million US verdict against a woman found guilty of sharing 24 songs over the Internet to about $54,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

O'Brien bids farewell, for now

On his final Tonight Show, Conan O'Brien said walking away instead of accepting a demotion is the hardest thing he's ever had to do.

Despite the rancour that led to his $45 million US buyout, the red-haired comic urged fans not to be cynical and said their support made a sad situation "joyous and inspirational." He thanked his viewers and even thanked NBC for more than 20 years of employment but not before getting in a few final jabs during an earlier monologue.

O'Brien, who keeps a collection of guitars in his office, strapped one on to join Will Ferrell, ZZ Top guitarist Billy Gibbons and Beck for a raucous rendition of Free Bird.

O'Brien will be replaced March 1 by the man he took over for seven months ago — Jay Leno. In the interim, reruns will fill the slot, followed by Winter Olympics programming next month.

Faced with the flop of its prime-time Leno experiment, NBC sought to move him back to 11:35 p.m. and asked O'Brien to move the Tonight Show a half-hour later, past midnight. O'Brien refused, opening buyout negotiations that ended early Thursday, and triggering a remarkable period of late-night comics taking brutal shots at NBC and at each other.

"Every comedian dreams of hosting the Tonight Show and, for seven months, I got to," he said. "I did it my way, with people I love, and I do not regret a second."

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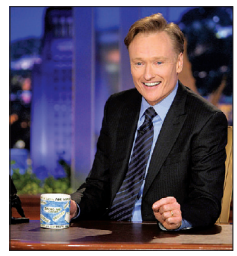
High numbers come a little too late

• Preliminary Nielsen ratings suggest that Conan O'Brien won a hefty audience for his final hour hosting The Tonight Show. O'Brien scored a 7.0 rating for his farewell appearance on NBC Friday, compared to a 2.5 rating for CBS Late Show with David Letterman. On ABC, Nightline had a 2.8 share, followed by 1.3 for Jimmy Kimmel Live! THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Daytime host to host nighttime host

TALK SHOW Oprah Winfrey said she is set to interview Jay Leno, and her production company said an offer has been made to Conan O'Brien to appear.

Winfrey said on her talk show Friday that she was going to Los Angeles for a "one-on-one" interview with Leno to air on The Oprah Winfrey Show on Thursday.

O'Brien's appearance has not yet been confirmed, Harpo Productions said.

The Leno interview comes as O'Brien exits The Tonight Show, allowing Leno to return to the late-night program he hosted for 17 years.

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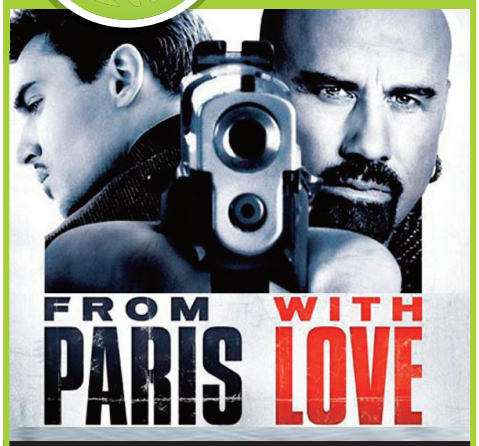

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	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow Report (Live)		Scam: Bernie Madoff's Crime		Investigates: Illegal Gambling		American Greed		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	Skiing	Skiing FIS World Cup Skicross.		Skiing		Hockey	Sportsnet Connected		Hockey Central
	400	400	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. (HDTV) (Live)					Tennis Australian Open, Men's and Women's Quarterfinals.			
	411	457	58	OLN	Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		Operate-Repo	Operate-Repo	Ghost Hunters		Destin. Truth
	417	406	81	SC	Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	SuperCars	SuperCars	Barrett-Jackson		Grand Am: 24 Hours at Day		Car Crazy
family	551	542	25	YTV	Scorpion	Scorpion	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	To Be Indie	Prank Patrol
	554	544	45	TEL	Scooby-Doo	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Robot Chicken
	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Supernanny		Dine With Me	How Clean Is	Love It or List It		Love It or List It "Shanahan"		Confidential
	570	580	29	MM	Secret Life of American Teen		Live at Much		So You Think You Can Dance		So You Think You Can Dance		MuchOnDem
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Intervention Relapse.		Intervention "Robby" (N)		Hoarders (HDTV) (N)		Paranormal
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	Il Commissario				George Lopez	George Lopez	Lopez Tonight
	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Behind the Music "Pink"		Entourage	Wild 'n Out	mmtop10.ca
	575	583	38	CMT	Due South		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Gilmore Girls		*The Bodyguard* ★★ (1992, Drama)		
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Secret Lives* (2005, Suspense) Daphne Zuniga.				Bones "Judas on a Pole"		NCIS
	620	523	40	BVO	Ahead of the Curve		McLauchlan	6 Possibilities	The Susan Boyle Story		Paul Potts-Royal		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Nearly Dead	Newlywed	Tori & Dean: Home		Love Inc.	Love Inc.	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	Diamond Road		Greatest Tank Battles		Lost Worlds		Shockwave		Tank Battles
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	John Oliver's Stand-Up Show		Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	For Rent	Income Prop.	Marriage	My First Place	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: Special Victims		*Code Name: The Cleaner* (2007, Comedy)		
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		*Inside Man* ★★★ (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Clive Owen.					The Game	Mo'Nique
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Lost "Dead Is Dead"		*Blade Runner* ★★★ (1982, Science Fiction) Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer.				
	581	566	52	MTV	Over the Bolts	After Show	Cribs	Parent Control	Life of Ryan	Buried	Buried	Life of Ryan	MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Re-Vamped		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Flipping Out "Bad Mojo"		Launch My Line		Prod. Parker
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	David Rocco	Restaurant Makeover		Top Chef Masters		Pitchin' In	Glutton	Restaurant
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Husband & I	Wait for God	Doc Martin: On the Edge				Poltergeist
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (HDTV)		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Night Garden	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar	Big & Small	Max & Ruby
	526	507	249	VIVA	Cold Case		Missing "The Ties That Bind"		The Closer "Batter Up"		Cold Case		Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	*Race to Witch Mountain*		Sanctuary "Instinct"		Spartacus: Blood and Sand (N)		Diary-Call Girl	Tracey Ullman	La La Land (N)
	305	612	306	PIX	(5:45) *Spartacus* ★★★★ (1960, Historical Drama)				*Blade Runner: The Final Cut* (1982, Science Fiction)				*Betrayed*
	520	146	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		MythBusters		Breaking Point "Bus" (N)		Dirty Jobs "Marble Maker" (N)		Daily Planet
	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
	605	-	-	FASH	First Class All the Way		FashionTele	RAW	Canada's Next Top Model		Creepiest Couples		1st Class Way

Live long and prosper ... in Alberta?
Leonard Nimoy is planning to visit the Alberta community of Vulcan on April 23 as part of a comic book and entertainment exposition being held in Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Assessing their assets

WHO GETS THE FRENCH CHATEAU? WHO GETS THE L.A. COMPOUND? WHO GETS THE BRAT PACK? Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are reportedly splitting up, having signed paperwork earlier this month dividing up their shared assets and determining custody of their six children, according to the News of the World.

"The contract was like a tailor-made version of a prenuptial agreement except for an unmarried couples' split," a source tells the newspaper. "It seemed clear they want the world to know they'll both play a part in the upbringing of the children. But Angelina will actually be the one who lives with them full-time."

A rep for the couple was quick to issue a denial to Perez Hilton, insisting no such document exists.

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It's a simple life for her

SHE JUST WANTS TO BE BAREFOOT, RAISING BABIES AND SCATTERING GRAIN TO A FLOCK OF HUNGRY CHICKENS It looks like Lily Allen's attempt to step out of the spotlight are because she wants to start a family.

"I want to have a baby. I'm not saying I'm pregnant now," she told fans at Australia's Big Day Out music festival recently, according to Hollyscoop.

And in a recent interview, the singer admitted she's looking to settle down.

"I just want to have babies and live in the countryside, that's my goal really.

"I'm not a careerist, what I really want is to be a mum."

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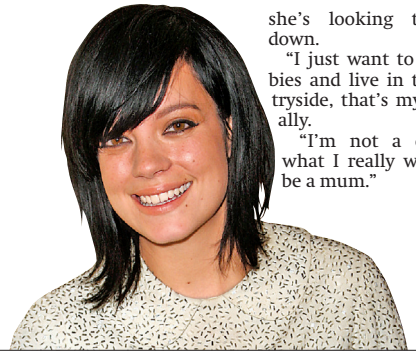

No, don't touch, Dick

GOOD TOUCHING VS. BAD TOUCHING Comedian Andy Dick was arrested on two counts on sexual abuse before he was set to perform at a comedy club in West Virginia, according to TMZ.

Dick was allegedly talking to a male patron when he "unexpectedly and without invitation grabbed the victim's crotch, repeatedly groping then kissing him," according to the criminal complaint.

Dick also allegedly grabbed the crotch of a security guard.

Dick is currently on probation from a sexual assault arrest last year.

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Yes, that's right. Wave goodbye to freedom

NO MORE APRÈS-SKI FOR YOU Bad news for Roman Polanski: A Los Angeles judge has decided that the embattled director cannot remain under house arrest in Switzerland and must return to California for sentencing, according to the Los Angeles Times.

"I have made it clear he needs to surrender," Judge Peter Espinoza says. "In defence of the integrity of the justice system, he needs to surrender."

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One badass British bird

OR AT LEAST SHE WAS, BACK IN THE DAY Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren regrets the tattoo she sports on her left thumb, she admits, but not because she got it while she was "very, very drunk," she explains to People magazine.

"I decided to get a tattoo because it was the most shocking thing I could think of doing.

"Now I'm utterly disgusted and shocked because it's become completely mainstream, which is unacceptable to me."

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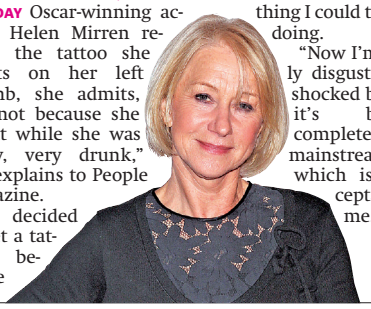

Baby boy Douglas does time

SUCH SOFT HANDS IN SUCH A HARD PLACE Michael Douglas is worried about what will happen to his son, Cameron Douglas, behind bars. Cameron was arrested in July for possessing half a pound of methamphetamine.

"Cameron has a lot of life ahead. He now recognizes his own demons and struggles," Michael tells AARP magazine.

"He's a tough kid. Still, he's in a federal prison, and you've got some big, bad boys down there."

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Today, **ANDY DICK** comments on his recent arrest, **FRED DURST** keeps his anger concealed, **LISA LOEB** is dishing out recipe ideas, and **HEIDI MONTAG** is offering free advice.

@andydick there are two sides to every story. please reserve judgement until you hear mine. thank you.
@freddurst When someone's being a jerk to me and my hands are in my pockets I am flipping them off. Feels good.
@lisaloeb4real busy with the baby! Fast food at home- steamed Japanese rice, spinach, red peppers, dollop of pecan butter, tofu, microwave. dash of salt.
@heidimontag note to anyone who gets a nose job, take off your tape in the shower after it is wet!

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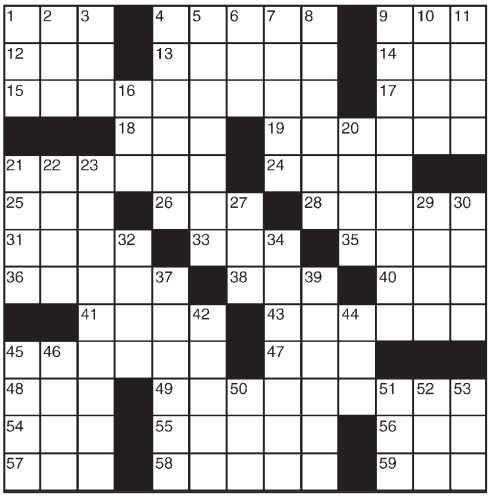

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

3		1				5		7
	7		9		2		1	
5			7		1			9
		4	3		9	2		
		9	4		5	8		
6			2		7			5
	1		5		6		4	
9		8				6		2

ACROSS

1 Little white lie
4 Sun-related
9 Beef moistener, on menus
12 Genetics abbr.
13 Mediterranean island
14 Multipurpose truck
15 Lake Erie city
17 Lisa Simpson's instrument
18 Clay, today
19 Care-less attitude?
21 Tyke
24 Antitoxins
25 Discoverer's call
26 Weir
28 Unpaid bills
31 Old letter opener
33 Science workplace
35 Drench
36 Clan emblem
38 Toothpaste type
40 Reuters competitor
41 Birds, to Brutus
43 Took a nap
45 Straight
47 Past
48 Part of R.S.V.P.
49 1953 Eartha Kitt Christmas song
54 Compass dir.
55 Vinegar bottle
56 Golfer's prop
57 In medias —
58 Steppenwolf author
59 Kitten's comment

DOWN

1 Monk's title
2 — and outs
3 Scrooge's remark
4 Climbed
5 In a circular path
6 Romanian money
7 Book of maps
8 Harvested
9 Almost
10 Provo's state
11 Alluring
16 Spigot
20 War god
21 Greatest
22 15-Across' state
23 Small TVs
27 Periodical, briefly
29 Recording
30 Hit the ice
32 Golfer Ballesteros
34 Scolds
37 Honorable guy
39 Emissary
42 Don't blink
44 Weep loudly
45 Addict
46 Three squared
50 Greek consonants
51 $ dispenser
52 Spelling contest
53 Evergreen type

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

5	2	3	1	4	6	8	9	7
4	9	1	5	7	8	2	3	6
6	7	8	3	2	9	1	4	5
7	8	4	6	5	3	9	2	1
9	3	5	2	1	7	4	6	8
1	6	2	9	8	4	7	5	3
2	1	9	7	3	5	6	8	4
3	4	6	8	9	1	5	7	2
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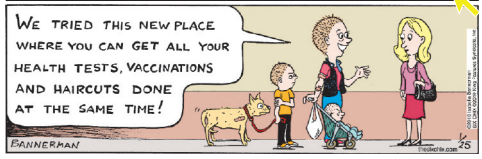

Metro Recipe of the Day

Bacon and Potato Salad

INGREDIENTS:

2 lb (1 kg) pre-washed baby potatoes, halved
5 strips bacon, chopped
4 medium eggs, hard-boiled and quartered
1/4 cup (50 mL) dill pickles, chopped
3 tbsp (45 mL) fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped
2/3 cup (150 mL) good-quality mayonnaise
4 tbsp (60 mL) sour cream
1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
1 tsp (5 mL) ground paprika
2 tbsp (25 mL) fresh dill, chopped

METHOD:

1. Fill large pot halfway with water, add potatoes and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until just tender. Drain.
2. Fry bacon in lightly-oiled frying pan over high heat until crisp. Drain on paper towels.
3. Place warm potatoes in a large serving bowl. Add eggs, cucumbers and parsley, and toss gently. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, lemon juice and paprika in small bowl Add to salad and toss gently.
4. Divide into four bowls, sprinkle bacon and dill on top and serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This week's cosmic alignments urge you to be more assertive and ambitious. Don't just aim to make an impression, aim to make it a big one.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
So many things in your life will change this week that your head will spin! By the time you recover, it will be too late to change back.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't let other people hold you back or dent your self-belief. You're a winner, not an also-ran.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't worry if something of value goes out of your life this week. What comes into your life will more than make up for it according to your solar chart.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You don't always tell partners and loved ones how much you care, but you must tell them this week.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Both at home and at work you will be called upon to shoulder burdens that normal human beings find impossible to carry.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
This coming week's cosmic activity is so in your favour that no one and nothing can come between you and your desired goal.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Assert your authority and make sure you get whatever it is you desire. That applies to all areas of your life, but especially to your work.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
While others are falling by the wayside and failing to make the grade you will thrive on the pressure and move ahead in leaps and bounds.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Promise yourself that you won't waste what you earn this week on things you really don't need. Save for the future – it will be here soon enough.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You can expect some extraordinary things to happen. But they will be more extraordinary if you make them happen yourself.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may feel a bit unsure of yourself as the new week begins but chances are you are worrying for no good reason – again.

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Correct answer to an arithmetical skill-testing question and completion of a declaration and release form required in order to be declared a winner. Full contest rules available at http://www.gm.ca. ♠Available at all Chevrolet, Buick, GMC dealers. No purchase necessary. While quantities last. ◆$850/$2,350/$1,150 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit for 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt (4FC2210)/Chevrolet Cobalt XFE (2010 Chevrolet Aveo LS) delivered in or leased in the province of Ontario between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details. ◆◆$500 gold medal bonus cash is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit for 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt (4FC2210) delivered in or leased in the province of Ontario between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details. ★★$1,350 cash credit is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit for 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt (4FC2210) delivered in or leased in the province of Ontario between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details. ★★$1,850 cash credit is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit for 2010 Chevrolet Aveo LS (2010 Chevrolet Aveo LS) delivered in or leased in the province of Ontario between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details. ★★★$1,500 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit for 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt (4FC2210) delivered in or leased in the province of Ontario between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details. ★★★★$1,500 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit for 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt (4FC2210) delivered in or leased in the province of Ontario between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details. ★★★★★$1,500 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit for 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt (4FC2210) delivered in or leased in the province of Ontario between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details. ‡Bi-weekly payments based on a purchase price of $15,495/$17,795/$13,460 with $0 down payment. ‡‡Financing on approved GMAC credit only. 0% purchase financing for 36 months available on 2009/2010 Chevrolet Aveo/Cobalt. Example $10,000 at 0% for 36 months, the monthly payment is $277.78. Cost of borrowing is $0, total obligation is $10,000. Down payment and/or trade may be required. Monthly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Taxes are not included for bi-weekly payment. Bi-weekly payments based on a purchase price of $15,495/$17,795/$13,460 with $0 down payment. ‡‡Financing on approved GMAC credit only. 0% purchase financing for 36 months available on 2009/2010 Chevrolet Aveo/Cobalt. Example $10,000 at 0% for 36 months, the monthly payment is $277.78. Cost of borrowing is $0, total obligation is $10,000. Down payment and/or trade may be required. Monthly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. ◆◆◆/‡‡Freight $1,350/$1,350/$1,350, registration, air and tire levies and OMVIC fees are included. Insurance, licence, PPSA, administration fees and applicable taxes are not included. Offers apply as indicated to the purchase or finance of 2009 and 2010 new or demonstrator models of the vehicle equipped as described. Offers apply to qualified retail customers in the Ontario Chevrolet Dealer Marketing Association area only (including Outaouais). Dealer order (2010 models only) or trade may be required. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Limited time offer which may not be combined with other offers. See your dealer for conditions and details. **As some dealers, the vehicles in this advertisement are only available with additional features at glass etching (up to $424), locking wheel nuts (up to $150), nitrogen in tires (up to $399), GM tire protection plan (up to $220), mud flaps (up to $129), box liner (up to $225), Walk Away Insurance (up to $388) and/or Drive Green Program ($199) which have additional costs. ‡$1,500 is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive). Example: $10,000 purchase price, after tax price is $11,200 ($10,000 plus $1,200 applicable taxes). After applying $1,500 credit, after tax price is $9,700. $1,327.50 reduced purchase price plus $172.50 applicable taxes). with the $1,500 credit being the $1,327.50 reduction from the purchase price and the $172.50 reduction in taxes which would have otherwise been payable on the full purchase price. Such credit may be applied only to the purchase/finance/lease of a new 2009 or 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt delivered between January 12, 2010 and March 1, 2010. See dealer for details